

# **WJAC-TV**

## **Quarterly Problems Program Report**

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## Quarterly Problems Program Report Programs Line-Up

KEY TO PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAMMING			
THE OTHER HALF	11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	MONDAY – FRIDAY	48:00 CONTENT
EXTRA	1:30 PM – 2:00 PM	MONDAY – FRIDAY	24:00 CONTENT
NEWSCENTER 6	5:00 PM – 6:00 PM	MONDAY – FRIDAY	40:00 CONTENT
NEWSCENTER 6	6:00 PM – 6:30 PM	MONDAY – SUNDAY	20:00 CONTENT
NEWSCENTER 6	11:00 PM – 11:35 PM	MONDAY – SUNDAY	25:00 CONTENT
NIGHTLY NEWS	6:30 PM – 7:00 PM	MONDAY – SUNDAY	20:00 CONTENT
TODAY SHOW	7:00 AM - 10:00 AM	MONDAY – FRIDAY	2:00:00 CONTENT
DATELINE	VARIOUS PRIME 7:00 PM – 11:00 PM	VARIOUS MONDAY – SUNDAY	VARIOUS 48:00 - 1:36:00 CONTENT
DR. PHIL	11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	MONDAY – FRIDAY	48:00 CONTENT
CONNECTING WITH KIDS	7:30 PM – 8:00 PM	WEDNESDAY, 9/25/02	22:00 CONTENT

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### **PUBLIC AFFAIRS RELATED PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS**

**EXTRA** – A national syndicated program that presents news on a wide variety of topics, ranging from entertainment, to health, business, event coverage, safety, and social issues. The show follows a news magazine format, introducing reports submitted by show correspondents of varying lengths. The show airs Monday – Friday, 1:30 – 2:00 PM.

**THE OTHER HALF** – A national syndicated program that discusses controversial and social issues. The show addresses several topics in one episode and follows an interview format with expert consultants and guests. The show airs Monday – Friday, 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM.

**DR. PHIL** – A national syndicated program that discusses controversial, personal, and social issues. The show addresses one topic per episode and follows an interview format with some expert consultants and guests. The host, Dr. Phil McGraw, offers expert counseling. The show airs Monday – Friday, 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM.

**NEWSCENTER 6** - The Channel 6 News Department uses the ascertained problems of the community as a basis to decide what topics should be dealt with more extensively than the day-to-day news coverage. Listed in this report are the news stories that covered the ascertained issues. The stories listed aired on 5:00 pm, 5:30 pm, 6:00 pm, and 11:00 pm newscasts.

**DATELINE** – An NBC news program that presents news on a wide variety of topics, ranging from entertainment, to health, business, event coverage, safety, and social issues. The show follows a news magazine format, introducing reports submitted by show correspondents of varying lengths. The show airs various days Monday – Sunday, at various times during the prime schedule from 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm.

**NBC NIGHTLY NEWS** – An NBC news program that presents news reports of national interest and concern. Listed in this report are the stories that pertain to ascertained issues in which the national and local concerns coincide.

**TODAY** – An NBC news program that presents news on a wide variety of topics, ranging from entertainment, to health, business, event coverage, safety, and social issues. The show follows a varied format, complete with anchored news reports, reports submitted by correspondents, talk-show style interviews, and entertainment performances. Listed in this report are stories presented which pertain to the ascertained issues. The show airs Monday – Friday, 7:00 am – 10:00 am.

**CONNECTING WITH KIDS** – A national syndicated program that presents issues pertinent to the lives of young people. The show addresses one topic per episode and follows a documentary format with expert consultants and case studies. The show airs once a month Wednesday evening 7:30 PM – 8:00 PM.

**QUARTERLY PROBLEMS PROGRAM REPORT  
ASCERTAINED ISSUES  
JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER 2002**

1. CRIME / PENAL SYSTEM
2. EDUCATION
3. HEALTH / MENTAL HEALTH / DRUGS / ALCOHOL
4. CONSUMER AWARENESS
5. GOVERNMENT / POLITICS
6. SAFETY / QUALITY OF LIFE / ENVIRONMENT
7. EMPLOYMENT / UNDEREMPLOYMENT / LABOR / ECONOMY
8. FAMILY ISSUES
9. SHANKSVILLE 9-1-1 ANNIVERSARY

\*REPORT ALSO INCLUDES INFORMATIONAL NEWS OF PUBLIC INTEREST UNDER THE ABOVE CATEGORIES.

## ***WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CRIME / LAW . . . . JULY***

7/03/02, 6 PM, Wednesday Craig Heaps

### **ILLEGAL FIREWORKS**

Most fireworks are relatively harmless, but there's one explosive that looks like a firecracker but packs a dangerous if not deadly punch. You'll face hefty fines if you're caught with these illegal fireworks. Craig Heaps reports.

2:32 - Package

7/05/02, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

### **DUI**

As police step up their crackdown on drunk drivers, the penalties are being increased for those convicted.

:37 - SOT/VO

David Immel - Centre County Prison Warden

7/08/02, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

### **DRUG POLICY**

A drug bust involving some Altoona students at the end of the school year is drawing some criticism. A group concerned with drug policies has questioned the ethics of using an undercover officer to infiltrate the school drug culture.

:35 - SOT/VO

Diane Fornbacher - Tri-State Drug Policy

Tom Bradley - AASD Spokesman

7/10/02, 11 PM, Wednesday Mark Allen

### **LEAVING KIDS IN CARS**

Most parents would never dream of leaving their child unattended in a car. But it happens more often than you think. And it is a crime. Mark Allen is standing by in Johnstown with more.

1:20 - Package

:17 - Live

Robing Good - Mother

Vanessa Noon - Mother

Sgt. Rich Lefchick - Richland Township Police

7/11/02, 11 PM, Thursday Mark Allen

### **ODOMETER FRAUD**

If you're in the market for a used car, beware. A new report says odometer fraud is causing thousands of Americans to pay much more than their car is worth. Mark Allen is live with more.

1:21 - Package

:11 - Live

Richard Morse - Chief Odometer Fraud Unit

Barry Creany - Deputy Attorney General

7/12/02, 5:30 / 11 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

### **POLICE BRUTALITY**

Some are calling for President Bush to address what they're calling the national issue of police brutality. On the heels of a video taped beating of a California teen, activists are calling for tougher penalties.

:35 - SOT/VO

Rev. Al Sharpton - National Action Network

## ***WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CRIME / LAW . . . . JULY***

7/22/02, 6 PM, Monday Eileen Teves

### **DUI CRASH REPORTS**

The Feds say they want more thorough testing for alcohol in fatal crashed because some go unreported in the state of Pennsylvania. What seems to be the problem and why are the Feds concerned? Eileen Teves is live in Altoona with more.

1:30 – Package

:13 – Live

Patty Ross – Blair County coroner

7/22/02, 11 PM, Monday Jamie John

### **CATCHING FIRE BUGS**

Last year, State police investigated over 200 arsons in Pennsylvania. The estimated cost is well over a million dollars. Tonight, Jamie John goes inside a house with an arson investigator to find out how he catches the fire starter in part one of a Channel 6 News special report.

2:32 – Package

Bill Ray – State Police Fire Marshall

7/23/02, 11 PM, Tuesday Jamie John

### **FIRE BUG TARGETS**

Vacant buildings are the easiest targets for arsonists. Police say that a large number of them makes a region attractive to fire starters. Jamie John has more in part two of a Channel 6 News Special Report.

2:16 – Package

Bill Ray – State Police Fire Marshall

7/24/02, 11 PM, Wednesday Jamie John

### **ARSONISTS**

The Pennsylvania State Police investigated over 5 thousand arson offenses in the year 2000. But who is an arsonist? The answer may surprise you. As Jamie John reports, if your child likes to play with matches, you should be concerned.

1:39 – Package

Bill Ray – State Police Fire Marshall

7/30/02, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

### **ECSTACY**

Dealers pushing ecstasy in Pennsylvania could be facing the same penalties as those pushing heroin. That's if Senator Jake Corman of Centre County and Attorney General Mike Fisher get their way.

:32 – SOT/VO

Mike Fisher – Attorney General of Pennsylvania

## ***NBC - CRIME / LAW . . . . JULY***

Dateline

### **Sunday, July 21**

How far will the Catholic Church go to defend itself against charges of sexual abuse? Dateline reports on an alleged sex-ring in the diocese of Camden, New Jersey where priests reportedly conspired to share boys with one another. John Hockenberry reports on a side of the church scandal you haven't seen and the legal battle that followed. (**Camden, NJ**)

Dateline

### **Friday, July 26**

Robert Stafford talks to experts about the most dangerous tactics kidnappers use and the best way to keep kids safe. In light of recent kidnappings, parents agree to let their kids meet a safety expert posing as a kidnapper to see what they'll do. Will they take the bait or will they run away?

## **WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CRIME / LAW . . . . AUGUST**

8/02/02, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Scott Gordan

### **PROJECT AMBER**

Two kidnapped teens may not be back home with their families tonight had it not been for the use of Project Amber. This device teams up with police and broadcasters from all over the country to alert the public of a missing child. Scott Amber talked about the project with the mother of the girl whose name it bears.

1:43 – Package

Donna Norris – Amber's mother

Sgt. Mark Simpson – Arlington Police Dept.

8/02/02, 5:30 PM, Friday Andy Gastmeyer

### **GAMBLING MACHINES**

Crackdowns on gambling machines are nothing new. But it seems that no matter how many arrests are made, no matter how many machines are destroyed, more pop up across the region. Andy Gastmeyer from our sister station in Pittsburgh takes an in-depth look at this illegal problem.

2:03 – Package

8/05/02, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Gary Sinderson

### **SEX OFFENDERS**

If you're a college student in Pennsylvania or the parent of one, it will soon be a lot easier to find out if there's any convicted sex offenders on campus. As Gary Sinderson tells us, the new Federal requirement will be part of the college curriculum this fall.

1:10 – Package

8/07/02, 11 PM, Wednesday Mark Allen

### **VICTIM PHILOSOPHY**

The woman who was kidnapped today in a car jacking did not put up a fight. Some say she did the right thing. In fact, the National Crime Prevention Council says don't argue; your life is more important than anything else. But some believe in a different philosophy. Mark Allen has more.

1:20 – Package

Joe Goss – Karate School Owner

8/12/02, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Sophia Wharton

### **RAPE PROTECTION**

The rape of an elderly woman in Altoona has sparked worries in that community. Sophia Wharton has more on how you can protect yourself from crimes like this.

1:10 – Package

Dave Nazaruk – Pa. State Police

8/16/02, 11 PM, Friday Brigitte Langmade

### **KIDNAPPINGS**

With the rash of child abductions in recent weeks, you may think kidnappings are on the rise. But as Brigitte Langmade reports, just the opposite is true.

1:39 – Package

Capt. Kimmy Nestor – Henry County Sheriff's Office

Matthew Felling – Media & Public Affairs

Ann Scofield – Child advocate



## ***WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CRIME / LAW . . . . AUGUST***

8/19/02, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

### **ELDERLY ATTACKS**

Another attack against an elderly woman this weekend has seniors watching their every step. And Blair Senior Services says that because of these recent crimes against the elderly, they're holding a "refuse to be a victim" program.

:40 - SOT/VO

Judy Whitney - Concerned senior citizen

8/21/02, 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Mark Allen

### **WALMART BINGO**

Area seniors could be out of luck if they want to play bingo at Walmart. The retail giant has had to halt bingo games in its stores after learning they could be violating State law. The issue is whether the bingo cards provided free by Walmart would require the chain to obtain a gaming permit. While Walmart wants to provide the fun, they don't want to break the law. Mark Allen reports.

1:16 - Package

James Heinlein - Johnstown

Mike Fisher - Attorney General

8/27/02, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

### **CRACKDOWN ON SPEEDERS**

In Centre County, there's a new twist on cracking down on speeders, and it's getting statewide attention. The "Keep Kids Alive - Drive 25" program increases awareness about safe speeds in neighborhoods. It's a grassroots effort that began with parents going to police, asking for help to slow-down speeders.

:45 - SOT/VO

Caroline Kunz - Parent

8/27/02, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

### **PRISON GRANT**

Despite overcrowding and the rundown conditions plaguing the current jail, Centre County's prison project has gotten a funding boost from the State. While some state legislators have openly questioned the plan to build a new prison, the Department of Corrections is supporting it.

:39 - SOT/VO

Keith Bierly - Centre County Commissioner

8/27/02, 6 PM, Tuesday Eileen Teves

### **PRISON OVERCROWDING**

The Blair County prison applied for a million dollar grant and got less than half of it. Because of the recent war on drugs the prison population has grown. With that prison already overcrowded, and not enough money for the expansion needed, conditions there can only grow worse. Eileen Teves reports on how they're handling the crowded cells.

:54 - Package

John O'Connor - Prison warden

## **WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CRIME / LAW . . . . SEPTEMBER**

9/09/02, 11 PM, Monday Jamie John

### **BIOTERRORISM**

Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> changed America in many ways. Last Fall's anthrax mailings did more than just claim lives, it invoked terror across the country. Bioterrorism remains a real threat, now being taken more seriously by authorities around the country and here in our region. Jamie John reports on new local initiatives.

1:14 – Package

9/18/02, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Jamie John

### **POLICE TRAINING**

It's not as easy as it looks on TV. The State knows that and so does the local police. That's why the Johnstown Police Department is spending a few days at Tremont Sportsman's Club, knowing that the skills they need to keep up with may mean the difference between life or death. Jamie John reports.

1:20 – Package

9/24/02, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Mark Allen

### **JIMSON WEED**

Police in Cresson Township are warning parents about a dangerous weed that can be found along the road. This comes after a 17 year old girl was found wandering the streets early Monday morning after consuming the seeds from the plant. Mark Allen has more.

1:02 – Package

Ken Gilpatrick – Cresson Township Police Dept.

Thom Beavers – Ambulatory Detox Nurse

9/24/02, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Lisa Stofko

### **KIDNAPPINGS**

Cases of missing and murdered children have dominated headlines for months across the country. Is there a kidnapping epidemic or does it just seem that way? Lisa Stofko has more.

2:03 – Package

Britney Clark – Age 17

Nieta Wigginton – Media Literacy

9/30/02, 5 / 5:30 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Jon Meyer

### **RAPE ON CAMPUS**

Today police are looking for five men who an Indiana University of Pennsylvania student say held her down and raped her. They are reminding all students to keep their own safety in mind at all times. Jon Meyer reports on precautions on campus.

1:41 – Package

Marcy Rumfola – IUP Junior

Kristen Scopellite – IUP Junior

Michelle Fryling – IUP Spokesperson

## ***WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: EDUCATION . . . . JULY***

7/11/02, 5:30 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Lisa Stofko

### **TUITION INCREASE**

Today, Penn State trustees decided not only to up the cost of tuition per year, but to increase it by more than 10 percent.

:33 – SOT/VO

Omar Amach – PSU Senior

7/18/02, 11 PM, Thursday Mark Allen

### **DRUG TESTING**

A Pennsylvania lawmaker wants to bring more funding to public schools to implement random drug testing programs. Congressman John Peterson introduced legislation today to give about one-hundred million dollars to school districts nationwide. Mark Allen is live with more.

:32 – Package

:14 – Live

Rep. John Peterson – ( R ) 5<sup>th</sup> District

## ***NBC: EDUCATION . . . . JULY***

### **Nightly News**

#### **Thursday, July 25**

Tonight on Nightly News is there bias in the classroom? Some say your children's textbooks are shaping their political views. Are these groups taking the right step to improve education or are they going too far in censoring what students should read?

## ***WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: EDUCATION . . . AUGUST***

8/01/02, 5 PM, Thursday Roseanne Colletti

### **COLLEGE VISITS**

The summer's winding down, and that means more and more parents and their college bound children have hit the roads to visit schools. Roseanne Colletti tells you how to get more for your visit than just a tour.

1:43 – Package

Pat Higginson – Student

Alexander London – Student

Eric Furda – Columbia University

8/08/02, 11 PM, Thursday Alison Burns

### **SCHOOL AIR QUALITY**

School starts in just a few weeks, but are you sure the air your child is breathing in the classroom is safe? As Alison Burns reports, the Environmental Protection Agency says about half of the nation's schools have problems with indoor air quality. Now officials are looking for ways to fix the problem.

1:52 – Package

John Pemberton – EPA

Tim Hardin – WA Dept. of Health

Marianne Bratsanos – Seattle Education Association

8/12/02, 5 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

### **SHOTS FOR SCHOOL**

The school year is almost upon us. That means parents need to do their homework. Not only do they have to buy the required school supplies and new outfits, they must make sure their children's health is ready for the first day.

:42 – SOT/VO

Dr. Matt Masiello – Pediatrician

8/14/02, 5 PM, Wednesday Lisa Stofko

### **MAKING THE GRADE**

Bigger is not always better, especially when it comes to class size. Lisa Stofko has more on why smaller makes the grade.

1:45 – Package

Heather Kahn – Parenting Magazine

Heidi Sickles – Mother

8/14/02, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Julie Becker

### **READING, WRITING & ARITHMETIC**

Filling out a job application and balancing a checkbook are everyday skills that most Americans take for granted. But for millions of adults, reading, writing, and basic math can be a struggle. But there is help. Julie Becker has more on a new literacy program that's designed to be a family affair.

1:38 – Package

Sharon Darling – National Center Family Literacy

Gerie Cruz – Mom

Carol D'Amico – U.S. Dept. of Education

## **WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: EDUCATION . . . . AUGUST**

8/19/02, 5:30 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

### **CYBER CHARTERS**

School officials say new legislation over on-line charter schools is a step in the right direction. Now the State will reimburse schools only 30 per cent of what they pay for students who choose cyber schooling. The same rules apply to regular charter schools. The money costs public school districts hundreds of thousands of dollars. The rate is a reduction from the 100 per cent rate of previous years.

:50 – SOT/VO

Patricia Best – Superintendant

8/20/02, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Landra Booker

### **TERRORIST EDUCATION**

As students prepare to head back to school, teachers are preparing their lesson plans. Many are adding a new subject to the curriculum, terrorism. Terrorism and Sept 11<sup>th</sup> attacks are expected to be a new topic in many classrooms. But educators are at odds over controversial teaching guidelines. Landra Booker reports from Washington.

1:00 – Package

Janet Larue – Concerned Women For America

8/20/02, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Beverly Kirk

### **DRUGS IN SCHOOLS**

A new survey by the National Center on Drug Addiction and Substance Abuse finds most teens say their school is drug-free. Beverly Kirk reports from Washington D.C.

1:30 – Package

Joseph Califano, Jr. – National Center on Addiction

Ron Murphy – Parent

Stephanie Murphy – Canton, OH

8/23/02, 6 / 11 PM, Friday Mark Allen

### **VIOLENCE PREVENTION GRADE?**

Ever since the deadly shooting at Columbine, schools have been urged to develop a plan to prevent and respond to school violence. But according to a State survey, many schools aren't making the grade. Mark Allen has the report.

:59 – Package

Mike Kunko – Portage business manager

8/26/02, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

### **IMMUNIZATIONS**

With the first day of school comes the need to have your children's vaccinations up to date. This year, the State has mandated that all kids entering kindergarten or first grade be vaccinated against chicken pox or have some proof that they've had the disease.

:42 – SOT/VO

Dr. Matthew Masiello – Pediatrician

8/27/02, 5 PM, Tuesday Brooke Hart

### **SAT CHANGES**

The group that creates the SAT released the scores for this year's college freshmen. The news has been mixed over the last ten years, and because of that, our future collegians are in for a very different exam. Brooke Hart has the story.

1:36 – Package

Jason Gianola – WVU freshman

Gaston Caperton – College Board President

Adrienne Whaley – Harvard freshman

Wayne Camara – College Board V.P.

## **WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: EDUCATION . . . AUGUST**

8/28/02, 5 PM, Wednesday Jon Meyer

### **HOME SCHOOLING**

It's back-to-school time throughout our area, but many kids won't have to leave home to start their new school year. More and more area families are choosing to home-school their children. Here's Jon Meyer with some of the reasons why.

1:54 - Package

Tracey Ingold - Home school mother

Devon Ingold - Home school child

8/28/02, 5:30 / 11 PM, Wednesday Mark Allen

### **DRUG TESTING**

A Somerset County school district says that drug use among its students is at an all-time high. And they are planning to do something about it. They're holding a public meeting tonight to launch a new program that includes random testing. Mark Allen reports.

1:41 - Package

Paul Tresnicky - Senior

Dave Koba - High School principal

Dr. Joseph DiBartola - Elementary principal

Becky Mock - Senior

Zach Wyar - Senior

Tracy McDonald - Senior

The meeting tonight at the Conemaugh Township High School included parents, law enforcement, and county drug officials. The school district wants to eliminate drugs from the school so they acknowledged right up front that, "nothing we do all year will be more important than this discussion."

1:32 - Package

Dave Koba - High School principal

Carol Byer - School Board president

Robert Rummel - Parent

Chris Eash - Parent

8/28/02, 6 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

### **MENINGITIS**

Back to school for many Pennsylvania college students this year also means getting meningitis shots. State law now requires students living on campus to get the vaccinations. At Penn State, close to 12 thousand students are lining up for the shots. While tempers may be rising at the inconvenience and cost, doctors say the protection is invaluable.

:37 - SOT/VO

Dr. Edward Rosick - PSU Health Services

8/30/02, 5 PM, Friday Dr. Sanjay Gupta

### **BACK TO SCHOOL**

For school-aged children, learning their a-b-c's is not as easy as 1-2-3. But how can you know if your child is suffering from a learning disability or is just a slow learner? Dr. Sanjay Gupta reports.

2:32 - Package

Dr. Lisa Guy - Child psychologist

Jan King - Parent

Davis King - Middle school student

## ***NBC: EDUCATION . . . . AUGUST***

Today

### **Monday, August 26**

Today looks at home schooling and what you need to consider before deciding to home school your children. They examine the reasons for doing it and the pros and cons. Ylonda Gault Caviness from Essence Magazine offers advice.

Nightly News

### **Thursday, August 29**

Nightly News examines the renewed debate over cell phones in public schools. Are they one more distraction in the classroom or an essential for your child in uncertain times?



## ***WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: EDUCATION . . . SEPTEMBER***

9/03/02, 5 PM, Tuesday Lisa Stofko

### **TESTS / CONNECTING**

Can kids who aren't the best students get into college on other attributes, like character? As Lisa Stofko reports, there's a trend among universities to look beyond grades to the "whole" person.

2:09 – Package

Butch Miller – Friend

Dr. Steven Rogers – Clinical psychologist

Gail Chittard – Mother

9/04/02, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

### **DRUG TESTING**

An 8 to 1 vote by the Windber School board means the school is one step closer to implementing a voluntary random drug testing program. However, parents must sign the consent forms for their students participating in extra curricular activities.

:53 – SOT/VO

Vincent Palumbo – Windber principal

9/06/02, 5:30 PM, Friday Sophia Wharton

### **HIGHER EDUCATION**

Parents here in our area and across the nation worry about how to send their kids to college. Across the State, tuition prices are rising. But there are tax-free options for parents who are willing to put away a little money each month. Sophia Wharton has more.

1:20 – Package

John Onufro – Wachovia Securities

Ron Hersh – Travel agent

9/06/02, 5:30 PM, Friday Sophia Wharton

### **READING PALS**

With all the distractions out there like TV, video games, and music, it's hard to get kids to settle down, let alone read. Now a new type of therapy is sweeping the country, using unlikely companions to help kids learn how to read or read better. But does it work? Sophia Wharton visited a local school to find out.

2:21 – Package

9/12/02, 5 PM, Thursday Lisa Stofko

### **PHYSICAL EDUCATION / CONNECTING WITH KIDS**

How much exercise does your child actually get in his or her phys-ed class? A new study suggests it's probably not enough. Lisa Stofko has more.

2:00 – Package

Howell Wechsler – C.D.C.

Lindsey Jones – Age 17

9/12/02, 5:30 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

### **AMERICA'S PROMISE**

Getting more students involved in their communities as volunteers is the focus of a new program coming to Penn State. The university is signing up for a nationwide effort to spur volunteerism.

:49 – SOT/VO

Harris Wofford – National chairman

## **WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: EDUCATION . . . SEPTEMBER**

9/13/02, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Gary Sinderson

### **NEW POLICIES AT PSU**

Are major changes in store for Penn State's fraternities and sororities? In recent years, more incidents involving frat members getting into trouble with the law has prompted the university administration to consider new policies in its relationship with the Greek system. Gary Sinderson reports.

:13 - Live

1:35 - Package

Walter Conti - Penn State trustee

Wendell Courtney - Penn State attorney

William Asbury - PSU Vice President

9/16/02, 6 PM, Monday Jamie John

### **FIGHTING FINES**

A new code of conduct at Johnstown high school could mean students will have to pay up for bad behavior. Other schools in the area are using similar policies. Jamie John reports.

1:20 - Package

Jerry Zahorchak - Johnstown superintendent

Alan Johnson - High school principal

Zack Edwards - Johnstown quarterback

Chrissy Nagle - Johnstown senior

9/16/02, 11 PM, Monday Ryan Leckey

### **DRUG TESTING**

Parents and teenagers in Somerset County are overwhelmingly in favor of a proposed drug policy at their school district. Windber administrators wanted the public's opinion before drug-testing students who are involved in extra curricular activities. Ryan Leckey reports.

1:42 - Package

Mike Bryan - Parent

Susan Gallagher - Parent

Virgil Palumbo - Principal

9/18/02, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Lisa Stofko

### **BULLYING**

Is your child afraid to go to school? Many are, but not for the reason you might think. Lisa Stofko reports.

2:00 - Package

Alex Freed - Bullying victim

Sarah Nadler - Bullying victim

Jed Nadler - Sarah's father

9/17/02, 6 PM, Tuesday Eileen Teves

### **AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS**

Some area school officials are seeing a need for more after school programs. In Altoona, educators say that giving students another place to hang out has its benefits. Eileen Teves reports.

1:27 - Package

Carlos Benise - 11<sup>th</sup> grader

Janette Kelly - Secondary Education Director

Mahlon Fiscel - Family Services- Blair County

## **WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: EDUCATION . . . . SEPTEMBER**

9/17/02, 6 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

### **COMMUNITIES THAR CARE**

Keeping kids out of trouble is the focus of a grass roots program known as "Communities that Care." Now several Centre County school districts will share almost one million dollars grant money aimed at providing more support for juveniles.

:47 – SOT/VO

Brian Bumbarger – Program organizer

9/18/02, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Mark Allen

### **GRADUATION TESTS**

The Greater Johnstown School district wants to meet with parents whose children have not met graduation requirements as far as the new controversial graduation tests are concerned. The district does have a plan to get every student to a proficient level on their test scores. Mark Allen reports.

:11 – Live

:27 – Package

Dr. Jerry Zahorchak – Superintendent

9/18/02, 11 PM, Wednesday Mark Allen

### **PARENTS / GRADUATION TESTS**

Nearly one third of Johnstown's senior class might not graduate this year unless they get a proficient score on a high school assessment test. The students have three more chances this year to make the grade but many of their parents say the policy is unfair. Mark Allen reports.

1:48 – Package

Allen Stoykovich – Parent

Adam Clawson – Senior

Jerry Zahorchak – Johnstown superintendent

Aretha Tillman – Parent

Lauren Collier – Parent

9/20/02, 6 PM, Friday Sophia Wharton

### **MATH BUS VISITS**

Learning basic math is one of the first challenges we all faced in grade school. For some, it comes easily. Others struggle for years to make sense of it. Sophia Wharton reports that there is a new tool to help kids, the math bus.

Paisley Rossetti – Digiblock consultant

Patti Assia – Math Facilitator

9/30/02, 5:30 / 11 PM, Monday Gary Sinderson

### **STUDENT UNIONS**

While unions continue to lose membership, one place where they're picking up strength is college campuses. As Gary Sinderson reports, at Penn State, graduates are moving closer to unionizing.

1:25 – Package

## ***WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: EDUCATION . . . . SEPTEMBER***

9/30/02, 5:30 PM, Monday Lynette Khalfani

### **STUDENTS AND CREDIT CARDS**

College is where your child is suppose to learn about the world. But should that world include going into debt? For a surprising amount of students, that's exactly what happens. As Lynette Khalfani shows that many think credit card companies are preying upon the innocent.

3:09 - Package

Ray Lucia, Jr. - Financial Advisor

Kate Pollitt - Student

Allison Statnick - Student

Mike Gerstek - Student

Eric Chen - Student

Wanwisa Kamolvathin - Student

Jennifer Thorp - Student

## ***EDUCATION . . . . SEPTEMBER***

### **CONNECTING WITH KIDS**

**9/25/02**

Three out of four kids say they have been victims of it. One in ten says it happens almost every day. One effect of it is kids bringing guns to school. The epidemic is bullying. Students of all ages tease, taunt, exclude and physically abuse other kids. The stories of bullies and victims are included in this program, leading to several fundamental ideas about how young people can prevent bullying. Solutions offered include, spectator responsibility, having the courage to say stop, and not acting like a victim. Another section of the program is devoted to the new threat assessment advisory now available to the nation's schools from the Critical Incident Response Group of the FBI. Students and psychologists talk about the criteria educators can use to determine the seriousness of a student's threats; is it direct, specific, or plausible?

Show #: Invisible Weapons

Syndicator: Connecting with Kids Network

## ***WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: HEALTH / MENTAL HEALTH / DRUGS / ALCOHOL . . . . JULY***

7/02/02, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Mark Allen

### **KEEPING COOL**

The heat is on. It's one of the hottest days so far this summer. Many of you are trying to find the best way to beat the heat. Mark Allen is live in Winder with more on how cooling down is important for your health.

:16 - Live

:34 - Package

Albert Wilson - Construction Foreman

Dr. Daniel Wehner - Conemaugh Health System

7/02/02, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Patricia Crosby

### **KIDS AND SKIN CANCER**

Now that summer is here, just about everyone is spending more time outside. But many of you are forgetting to protect yourself from the sun's rays. Getting too much can lead to skin cancer. As Patricia Crosby shows you, you're never too young to worry about that threat.

1:39 - Package

Dr. Scott Warren - Dermatologist

Beth McCain - Collin's grandmother

7/05/02, 5 PM, Friday Dr. Max Gomez

### **MAMMOGRAMS**

There has been some controversy over whether mammograms actually save lives. Most experts agree that regular mammography is still the best way to find breast cancer at the earliest and most treatable stage. Now, digital technology is making mammography even better at finding cancer. Dr. Max Gomez has more.

1:28 - Package

Joshua Kalowitz - NY Hospital

7/05/02, 6 PM, Friday Liz Crenshaw

### **TIME FOR FITNESS**

Stuck in traffic? Waiting for water to boil? Stuck on hold? You don't have to waste that downtime anymore. Consumer Reporter Liz Crenshaw is here with the tricks of the trade to help you find time to get fit.

3:40 - Package

Dr. Dana Phares - Fitness expert

As police step up their crackdown on drunk drivers, the penalties are being increased for those convicted.

:37 - SOT/VO

David Immel - Centre County Prison Warden

7/08/02, 11 PM, Monday Dr. Max Gomez

### **OBESITY DRUG**

It's a fight that many Americans seem to be losing. We're talking about obesity. That's why doctors have been looking for a drug that can help people lose weight and keep it off. Most are appetite suppressants. But as Dr. Max Gomez reports, there's one that does that and more.

1:47 - Package

Carol Rouse - Obesity study

## ***WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: HEALTH / MENTAL HEALTH / DRUGS / ALCOHOL . . . . JULY***

7/09/02, 5 PM, Tuesday Diana Gonzalez

### **MIGRAINE RELIEF**

Millions have experienced the excruciating pain of a migraine headache. Chronic sufferers will try just about anything for relief. Now, some doctors are treating them in a new way with an old drug. Diana Gonzalez has more on this relief.

2:02 – Package

Genevieve Aulett – Migraine patient

Priscilla Potter, MD – University of Miami

7/10/02, 5 PM, Wednesday Janet Wu

### **FIGHT AGAINST CANCER**

More Americans die from lung cancer each year than breast, prostate, and colon cancer combined. But now doctors have found a new way to attack that disease using an old drug. As Janet Wu shows you, it helps doctors see and attack lung tumors more clearly.

1:16 – Package

Pete Grimes – Lung cancer patient

Dr. John Grecula – Oncologist

7/10/02, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Lisa Stofko

### **GERMS**

No one wants to expose their child to germs, but some experts argue that certain germs are a necessary evil. Lisa Stofko has more.

1:38 – Package

Kim Gordan – Mother

Mary Giles – Parenting Magazine

7/11/02, 5 PM, Thursday Monica Robins

### **REBUILDING HEIGHT**

Remember when you were young and couldn't wait to grow up? Well now some adults may be wondering if they're losing inches. It could indicate bone compression or osteoporosis. But as Monica Robins shows us, doctors now have a way to rebuild your height from the inside.

1:38 – Package

Isador Lieberman – Orthopedic surgeon

Patti Skiffy – Patient

7/11/02, 5:30 / 11 PM, Thursday Jon Myer

### **VACCINATION**

As the new school year approaches, parents need to make sure their kids have the right vaccinations. In Minneapolis, thousands of people who got vaccinated just found out that their shots were faulty because of improper storage. Jon Meyer takes a look at how you can be sure that you and your kids get vaccines that work.

1:46 – Package

Dr. Louis Schenfeld – Infectious Disease Specialist

Chris Good – Director of Pharmacy

7/12/02, 5 PM, Friday Katrina Owens

### **SUN DAMAGE**

You probably can't see it, but each day you spend in the sun means damage to your skin. Katrina Owens tells us about a new camera that helps doctors monitor the health of the skin in a way that is invisible to the eye.

1:09 – Package

Dwight Scarborough – Cosmetic surgeon

Stacey Lawrence – Has sun damage

## ***WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: HEALTH / MENTAL HEALTH / DRUGS / ALCOHOL . . . . JULY***

7/15/02, 11 PM, Monday Helen Chickering

### **HORMONE HYSTERIA**

The decision to abruptly stop a national hormone replacement study has caused concern and confusion among the millions of women who take the therapy. The hormone combination helps ease the symptoms of menopause, but as Helen Chickering reports, now many women are questioning whether they should stop the therapy.

1:48 - Package

Ann Moscrip - Hormone therapy patient

Dr. Tracy Gaudet - Gynecologist

7/16/02, 11 PM, Tuesday Mark Allen

### **ALCOHOL ADVERTISING**

Alcohol advertising is under fire tonight. A public interest group says teenagers are being lured into the ranks of regular drinkers by slickly produced advertising of soft malt beverages, or alcopops, as the critics label them. Mark Allen has more.

1:18 - Package

:10 - Live

George Hacker - Center for Science in Public Interest

Richard Blumenthal - CT Attorney General

Lisa Hawkins - Distilled Spirits Council

7/17/02, 5 PM, Wednesday Lisa Stofko

### **GUIDE TO ILLNESSES**

Ear aches, cold, temperatures, this is the world of infant illnesses. Parenting Magazine has some advice on what to expect and what to do. Lisa Stofko has more.

1:47 - Package

Dr. Jackie White - Pediatrician

7/18/02, 5 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

### **DIET DRUG STUDY**

The results are in for a first of its kind study into two types of diet drugs. Doctors at the Peak Wellness Foundation followed 24 over-weight women for 12 weeks. Some were given over the counter Xenadrine while others took prescribed Xenical.

:43 - SOT/VO

Dr. Carlton Colker - Peak Wellness Foundation

7/18/02, 5 PM, Thursday Benita Zahn

### **4D ULTRASOUNDS**

It's a parent's first look at the new life they are about to bring into the world. But that image is sometimes hard to make out. However, the next generation of ultrasound technology is here. Benita Zahn gives us a look at 4D images.

1:41 - Package

Rick Rappaport - Expectant father

Dr. Elaine Cheon-Lee - OB/Gyn

Beth Rappaport - Expectant mother

7/22/02, 5 PM, Monday Helen Chickering

### **PARKINSON'S**



We told you about the pope attending World Youth Day. He doesn't make many trips because of his failing health. He has Parkinson Disease, a condition with no cure. But researchers are uncovering some clues that are important. Helen Chickering has more on how that could impact treatment and even prevention.

1:37 – Package

Ida Whitney – Parkinson's patient

Dr. Burton Scott – Neurologist

Dr. Jeffrey Vance – Parkinson's researcher

7/22/02, 5:30 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

#### **DIABETES PREVENTION**

Diabetes is a serious disease that is reaching epidemic levels. Seventeen million people suffer from the condition which can lead to complications like blindness, heart attack, kidney failure, even the loss of a foot or leg. But that doesn't mean you have to let it happen to you or those you care about.

2:09 – Package

Antoinette Franke – Diabetes educator

7/23/02, 5 PM, Tuesday Diana Gonzalez

#### **HIGH TECH DENTISTRY**

It's something that most of us dread, visiting the dentist. But now when they need to take an x-ray of your mouth, your dentist has some new high-tech help. Diana Gonzalez shows you the advantages for both you and your dentist.

1:43 – Package

Dr. Mark Forrest – Periodontist

Sunny Surloff – Patient

7/23/02, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Lisa Stofko

#### **CHRONIC FATIGUE SYNDROME**

Chronic Fatigue Syndrome is now more common than multiple sclerosis in this country, affecting anywhere from a half million to nearly a million adults. Perhaps even more surprising, this mysterious disease also strikes children. It can be so serious in children, that kids are left isolated from friends, school, and everyday activities. Lisa Stofko reports on the youngest victims of CFS.

2:35 – Package

7/24/02, 5 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

#### **CHICKEN POX DANGERS**

It's one of the childhood illnesses that parents get their children through, those itch chicken pox. But are moms and dads aware of the dangerous complications that the virus can pose? Health officials say no, or parents would be making sure that their kids are vaccinated against it.

:30 – SOT/VO

Victoria Serrano – Son died of chicken pox

7/25/02, 11 PM, Thursday Brigitte Langmade

#### **MARFAN SYNDROME**

Do you know anyone who is tall with a long narrow face or long flexible fingers? Do they look a little different? Those features could be a serious warning sign that they have a common, but rarely diagnosed, disorder that could take their lives. Brigitte Langmade has the details in this special report.

2:34 – Package

Dr. Hal Dietz – John Hopkins

Theresa Derro – Marfan victim

## **WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: HEALTH / MENTAL HEALTH / DRUGS / ALCOHOL . . . . JULY**

7/26/02, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Gary Sinderson

### **RESCUE OPERATIONS**

For the nine trapped miners, getting out alive remains the top priority. But even if the rescue effort proves successful, the miners still face a number of medical dangers once they're pulled out. For more information on hypothermia, Gary Sinderson joins us live after talking to area doctors today.

1:17 - Package

:11 - Live

Capt. Henry Schwartz - Navy doctor

Dr. Russell Dumire - Memorial Hospital Medical Center

Dr. George Zlupko - Altoona Hospital

7/29/02, 5 PM, Monday Janet Wu

### **JUVENILE DIABETES**

More and more children are developing type 2 diabetes. There are so many of them, it's being called an epidemic. Experts say that stopping the onset of the disease is the best cure. As Janet Wu reports, there is an approach that is getting to potential patients before the disease strikes.

1:22 - Package

Pam Bermudez - Registered Nurse

Tywanda Coston - Diagnosed with diabetes

Faye Gordan - Diabetes advocate

Luis Tello - Fourth grader

7/31/02, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

### **MIXING PRESCRIPTIONS**

Experts are finding out that more people are getting hooked on prescription drugs. Mixing prescription drugs can be deadly.

:36 - SOT/VO

Denny Kwiatkowski - Cambria county Coroner

7/31/02, 5 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

### **PLASTIC HIPs**

A new high-tech material may help extend the life of artificial hips. Normally, the metal and plastic joints wear out in younger patients, sending them back into the operating room.

:30 - SPT/VO

Dr. Richard Illgen - Orthopedic surgeon

7/31/02, 5 PM, Wednesday Max Gomez

### **WOMEN'S HEALTH**

Six hundred thousand hysterectomies are done each year. About a third of them are due to excessive menstrual bleeding. Now, a less invasive procedure is available to control that bleeding without forcing patients into early menopause. Dr. Max Gomez has details.

1:42 - Package

Pam Kessler - Patient

Dr. Steven Domnitz - OB/GYN

## ***WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: HEALTH / MENTAL HEALTH / DRUGS / ALCOHOL . . . . JULY***

7/31/02, 6 PM, Wednesday Alison Burns

### **MEDICARE DOCTORS**

Many older Americans rely on Medicare for health insurance. If you do, you may be finding it more difficult to get a physician. The Federal government is cutting the amount of money it pays doctors to treat Medicare patients. As Alison Burns reports, many doctors are reacting by cutting their services.

2:05 - Package

Margaret Rupp - Medicare patient

Dr. Elaine Barrone - Family physician

Tom Scully - Center for Medicare & Medicaid

7/31/02, 11 PM, Wednesday Landra Booker

### **IMMUNIZATIONS**

Millions of teenagers and older Americans aren't getting the immunizations they need. This is according to a new nationwide report card released today. It gives the healthcare system a failing grade when it comes to protecting certain age groups from certain diseases. Landra Booker has more from our Washington D.C. newsroom.

1:52 - Package

Dr. Bonnie Ward - National Medical Association

Claude Allen - Health & Human Services

Dr. David Neumann - National Part. Immunization

## ***NBC - HEALTH / MENTAL HEALTH / DRUGS / ALCOHOL . . . . JULY***

### **Nightly News**

#### **Tuesday, July 2**

Nightly News examines hormone replacement therapy. It's supposed to help prevent heart attacks in women, but does it really work? Robert Bazell reports on the results of a new study that may have the answer.

### **Nightly News**

#### **Monday, July 8**

On Nightly News, fewer people are dying from the disease of aids, but will there ever be a cure? Robert Bazell has disturbing new information from the World's Aids Conference in Barcelona.

### **Dateline**

#### **Tuesday, July 16**

Cabbage soup. Grapefruit. Herbal tea....there are a lot of diet "trends," so how do you know which ones work and which one is right for you? After losing almost 50-pounds, Dateline's own Josh Mankiewicz's says he might have an idea.

### **Nightly News**

#### **Thursday, July 18**

Tonight, Nightly News looks at hormone replacement therapy. Find out how drugs once believed to be the fountain of youth have become risky business for some women. Robert Bazell reports.

### **Nightly News**

#### **Monday, July 22**

Tonight on Nightly News, with all the talk about diets these days, many people are seeking out advice from nutritionists and dieticians to sort out all the confusion. But how do you know the information you're getting is correct?

### **Nightly News**

#### **Monday, July 29**

Tonight on Nightly News, THE SPECIAL SERIES, Fleecing America, takes a look at why cancer patients across the country are taking action against a drug company for charging too much money for the life-saving medication Taxol. Patricia Sabga reports.

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**Extra            07/03/02**

Host: Leeza Gibbons

In one segment, an Extra correspondent talks with Paula Abdul who is weighing in with her lawyer on a weight loss plan. The plan has boasted a famous list of clients, but now Paula thinks it's time to expose the dangers.

Show #: 8260

Syndicator: Warner Brothers

**The Other Half        7/08/02**

Host: Dick Clark, Mario Lopez, Danny Bonaduce, & Dorian Gregory

In one segment, The Other Half examines a new breast enhancement pill. Does it really work? How long do the effects last? The hosts talk to a doctor as well as women who have tried the pill.

Show #: 0415-02R

Syndicator: NBC Enterprises

## ***WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: HEALTH / MENTAL HEALTH / DRUGS / ALCOHOL . . . . AUGUST***

8/01/02, 5 PM, Thursday Helen Chickering

### **COMBINATION DETECTION**

Two powerful imaging tools have joined forces to bring cancer detection to a new level. The hi-tech combination not only helps improve accuracy, it is also helping doctors come up with new ways to treat tumors. Helen Chickering reports.

1:03 - Package

Dr. Scott Perlman - Radiologist

8/01/02, 11 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

### **KIDS AND HEALTH INSURANCE**

According to the Urban Institute, over 140 thousand children in Pennsylvania are uninsured, but most of them are eligible for state-run insurance programs.

"43 - SOT/VO

Tommy Thompson - Health & Human Services

8/06/02, 5 PM, Tuesday Patrick Rockey

### **ACNE BACTERIA**

Have you ever thought you failed at something or missed out on an opportunity only to have everything work out for the better? Patrick Rockey takes a look at some failed research that may help erase the acne that plagues the teenage years.

1:14 - Package

Susan Barefoot - Food microbiologist

8/06/02, 6 PM, Tuesday Sophia Wharton

### **WEST NILE VIRUS**

Each day there are new reports on the West Nile Virus and how far it's spread. So far, no one in Pennsylvania has been infected. But as Sophia Wharton reports, officials are keeping a close eye on the disease.

1:27 - Package

Charles Allen - Director Cooperative Ext.

Scott Conklin - Chair, County Commission

8/06/02, 5 PM, Tuesday Lisa Stofko

### **EMDR THERAPY**

Imagine alleviating emotional distress or even intense physical pain by having someone wave his hands in front of your face. It may seem absurd, but more and more people around the country say a controversial form of eye movement therapy really works. Lisa Stofko brings us the debate, cure or hype.

2:28 - Package

8/07/02, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

### **CHICKEN POX VACCINATIONS**

For kids, it's miserable. We're talking about chicken pox. This year, all kids entering kindergarten, first grade, and 7<sup>th</sup> grade will have to be vaccinated against that disease.

:50 - SOT/VO

Kathy Atchison - Son died from chickenpox

## **WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: HEALTH / MENTAL HEALTH / DRUGS / ALCOHOL . . . . AUGUST**

8/08/02, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

### **LOSING THE WEIGHT**

If you're looking for a more healthy way to go from fat to fit, then "get with the program." That's the name of the new one-week program by Health and Human Services Department.

:32 - SOT/VO

Tommy Thompson - Health & Human Services

8/09/02, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

### **STEM CELL RESEARCH**

A year has passed since President Bush made his historic announcement about stem cell research. Now, many doctors and patients say that limiting that research is wrong.

:40 - SOT/VO

Dr. Curl Civin - John Hopkins Cancer Center

8/09/02, 5 PM, Friday Sophia Reza

### **LONG HOURS**

When it comes to becoming a good doctor, residents have to go through a lot of training. But that can actually effect the quality of care you receive. Sophia Reza has more on some of the new guidelines that will protect both you and that soon-to-be doctor.

1:29 - Package

Toby Hamilton - Resident physician

Manuel Schydlower - Texas Tech Medical Center

8/13/02, 11 PM, Tuesday Marianne Favro

### **HIP REPLACEMENT**

Each year, an estimated 300 thousand people have a hip replaced. That number is expected to double within fifteen years as baby boomers age. Traditional hip replacement surgery requires months of painful recovery, but as Marianne Favro reports, a California doctor has helped pioneer a new technique that cuts recovery time in half.

1:48 - Package

Currin Reinhardt - Patient

Dr. John Dearborn - Orthopaedic surgeon

Dolores Ditlevson - Patient

8/15/02, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Mark Allen

### **NURSING SHORTAGE**

It's estimated by the year 2020, the number of nurses needed will be down 20 per cent. With more people living longer, a lack of nurses poses a serious problem. But efforts are being made to reverse the trend through legislation. Mark Allen reports.

1:15 - Package

Paula Thomas - UPMC Lee Regional

Jackie Janak - Retired RN

Rep. Ed Wojnaroski - ( D ) 71<sup>st</sup> District

8/16/02, 5 PM, Friday Lisa Stofko

### **NEW TEST APPROVED**

Babies with a yellow tint to their skin usually require a blood test to detect whether they're jaundice. That used to mean a prick in the heel with a needle. But not anymore. Lisa Stofko has more.

1:46 - Package

Dr. Gerald Rakos - Neonatologist

## ***WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: HEALTH / MENTAL HEALTH / DRUGS / ALCOHOL . . . . AUGUST***

8/19/02, 5 PM, Monday Deanna Lites

### **DIABETES TEST**

There are about 16 million people in this country with type-2 diabetes. Diagnosis and treatment is important to prevent serious complications. One of those complications is nerve damage. As Dr. Deanna Lites reports, there's a new test to help uncover this problem.

1:58 – Package

Judy Carter – Endocrinologist

Jayne Osorino – Diabetic

8/19/02, 5 PM, Monday Lisa Stofko

### **PREGNANCY & EXERCISE**

Eating a healthy diet while pregnant isn't enough to keep mom healthy. Experts believe that exercise is beneficial too. But as Lisa Stofko reports, when it comes to exercise, mothers-to-be need to play it safe.

1:40 – Package

Andrea Cavolo – Mother-to-be

Dr. Gloria Johnson – OB/GYN

8/21/02, 5 PM, Wednesday Helen Chickering

### **MARIJUANA SPIN OFF**

Regardless of the fact that it is illegal, marijuana has great pain relieving power. Scientists are trying to create a marijuana spinoff drug that may be the super-aspirin of the future. It has those pain-relieving qualities without the high that makes the drug illegal. Helen Chickering reports on the efforts that may change the way we classify marijuana.

:56 – Package

8/22/02, 5 PM, Thursday Katrina Owen

### **HEART HEALTH**

Heart disease is the leading cause of death in women over the age of 40, even more than all the cancers combined. But as Katrina Owens reports, women can fight back and don't have to fall victim.

1:35 – Package

Dr. Teresa Glaser – Cardiologist

Jeanne Jewell – Heart attack survivor

8/22/02, 5 PM, Thursday Lisa Stofko

### **PLASTIC SURGERY**

Are you unhappy whenever you look in the mirror? You'd like some help but don't think a little nip or tuck is quite enough. Now leading plastic surgeons are performing a sort of face lift for the body. But as Lisa Stofko reports, doctors warn that this radical operation isn't for everyone and should not be considered minor surgery.

2:32 – Package

8/23/02, 5 PM, Friday Dr. Max Gomez

### **WEST NILE VIRUS**

Concerns continue to rise about the West Nile Virus in our area. The first bird showing evidence of the virus was found in New Florence. Now the FDA has given the go-ahead for the first national trial of a drug to treat the virus. Dr. Max Gomez reports.

1:51 – Package

Dr. James Rahal – New York hospital



## ***WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: HEALTH / MENTAL HEALTH / DRUGS / ALCOHOL . . . . AUGUST***

8/27/02, 5 PM, Tuesday Katrina Owens

### **ANKLE SPRAINS**

Can precisely controlled heat be used to shrink ankle ligaments that have been stretched beyond their natural ability to heal? As Katrina Owens reports, that's exactly what doctors are hoping will work for an alternative treatment to orthopedic surgery.

1:52 - Package

Niki Blackstone - Patient

Dr. Thomas Lee - Orthopedic surgeon

8/27/02, 11 PM, Tuesday Landra Booker

### **ATTENTION DEFICIT**

Attention Deficit Disorder isn't getting the attention it deserves. That's what advocates in Washinton say as they launch a new campaign to raise awareness of a condition that is often unrecognized and untreated. Landra Booker reports.

2:04 - Package

Christopher Knight - Diagnosed with A-D-D

Linda Golodner - National Consumer's League

8/30/02, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Sophia Wharton

### **BREAST CANCER**

Researchers and medical experts from different corners of the nation and world have been meeting for the past few days in Windber. New funding for breast cancer research at the Windber Medical Center is what brought them to town. Much of the money came from legislation pushed forward by congressman John Murtha. Sophia Wharton explains why this project is so important that it warranted the funding.

1:49 - Package

Rep. John Murtha - ( D ) 12<sup>th</sup> District

Austin Opara - Congress of Nigeria

8/30/02, 11 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

### **MALPRACTICE COSTS**

Doctors across the state say they are worried about high malpractice medical insurance. Many believe that a new law passed in March hasn't helped bring down the costs. Some believe it will take a special session in Harrisburg to look for ways to lower the rates.

:45 - SOT/VO

Sen. Robert Jubelier - ( R ) 30<sup>th</sup> District

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AUGUST***

**Nightly News**

**Wednesday, August 7**

Tonight, Nightly News looks at a hormone that researchers have isolated that makes people feel full. Is it too good to be true or a breakthrough in the fight against obesity?

**Nightly News**

**Wednesday, August 14**

Tonight on Nightly News, five million Americans suffer from congestive heart failure, and it is expected to reach epic proportions in the next five years. New drugs may be the answer, but some doctors are hesitant to prescribe them. There's important information that you and your family should know.

**Nightly News**

**Friday, August 16**

Tonight on Nightly News, we look at how the makers of a leading dietary supplement may have lied about its safety. Did Metabolife hide complaints from the FDA? What are the drug's long term affects for those who have taken it?

**Nightly News**

**Tuesday, August 20**

Tonight on Nightly News, an alarming new study raises questions about the effectiveness of ginko biloba, a widely hailed memory enhancer for older adults. There is information you need to make decisions for your family.

**Nightly News**

**Thursday, August 22**

Tonight on Nightly News, we examine the psychological impact of heart disease. A new study finds that gender plays a role in the emotional well-being of cardiac patients.

**Nightly News**

**Tuesday, August 27**

Tonight on Nightly News, there's a new reason to love your pet. A new study finds that early exposure to animals may reduce a child's risk of developing common allergies.

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**The Other Half      8/09/02**

Host: Dick Clark, Mario Lopez, Danny Bonaduce, & Dorian Gregory

In one segment, The Other Half examines "natural dieting." Our food these days has a lot of additives in the form of chemicals. How can you avoid exposing yourselves to these unwanted chemicals that are a part of our diet?

Show #: 0809-02                      Syndicator: NBC Enterprises

**The Other Half      8/19/02**

Host: Dick Clark, Mario Lopez, Danny Bonaduce, & Dorian Gregory

In one segment, The Other Half examines instant facelifts. Today there are some very simple procedures to take care of the sags and wrinkles that come with aging. A doctor actually demonstrates these low-risk techniques.

Show #: 0506-02R                      Syndicator: NBC Enterprises

## ***WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: HEALTH / MENTAL HEALTH / DRUGS / ALCOHOL . . . . SEPTEMBER***

9/04/02, 5 PM, Wednesday Lisa Stofko

### **BRIGHTER SMILE**

Everyone wants a smile just like the stars. It's not just adults trying to achieve pearlier whites, kids are jumping on the bleaching bandwagon too. Is it safe? Before you decide, better listen to what the experts have to say in Lisa Stofko's report.

2:41 - Package

9/05/02, 5:30 PM, Thursday Ed Yeates

### **CIGARETTE VENDING**

Pennsylvania has store clerks checking i.d.'s for cigarette sales but what about vending machines. Soon they'll be checking i.d.'s also. Ed Yeates reports.

1:45 - Package

Steve Rogers - Brown & Williamson

Joel Ferre - Asst. Attorney General

9/05/02, 6 PM, Thursday Gary Sinderson

### **WEST NILE VIRUS**

With summer drawing to a close, there is a drop off in the number of west Nile virus cases being reported. The State Department of Health is swamped trying to keep up with the testing, and now, in certain areas, the State is not accepting any more samples. Gary Sinderson reports.

:12 - Live

:55 - Package

Terry Maddox - West Nile coordinator

9/05/02, 11 PM, Thursday Helen Chickering

### **DIET RULES**

At a time when Americans are battling an obesity epidemic, there are new nutrition guidelines that give a little breathing room. The revised rules offer more flexibility in balancing fat and carbohydrates, but as Helen Chickering reports, the rules lay down the law on exercise.

1:21 - Package

Dr. Joanne Lupton - Nutrition researcher

9/05/02, 11 PM, Thursday Eileen Teves

### **VETERANS HEALTH CARE**

Trying to get the earliest possible appointment with a doctor is getting tougher for our local veterans. Some are finding themselves waiting for several months before seeing their doctors. The Secretary of Veterans' Affairs Anthony Principi says he wants to help by cutting back on the wait time. Eileen Teves reports.

1:16 - Package

Joan Perove - Van Zandt Spokesperson

9/13/02, 5 PM, Friday Sophia Wharton

### **KAWASAKI DISEASE**

There's a disease that affects thousands of children each year. Some die; others suffer permanent heart problems. Yet most parents have never heard of it. But it is easily treated if caught early. Sophia Wharton reports.

2:30 - Package

## ***WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: HEALTH / MENTAL HEALTH / DRUGS / ALCOHOL . . . . SEPTEMBER***

9/16/02, 5:30 PM, Monday Katrina Owens

### **COLON CANCER**

A new colon cancer treatment is being tested right now. Katrina Owens has the details.

1:38 – Package

Linda Wenger – Colon cancer patient

J. Phillip Kuebler – Oncologist

9/16/02, 11 PM, Monday Alison Burns

### **HEALTH INSURANCE**

You may depend on benefits from your employer to pay for health coverage now, but what about when you retire? A new report shows future retirees should be prepared to pay for almost all of their health care not covered by government programs. Alison Burns reports.

1:44 – Package

Gwen Thomas – Future retiree

9/17/02, 11 PM, Tuesday Mark Allen

### **WEST NILE VIRUS / BEDFORD COUNTY**

Officials in Bedford County want to calm people's fears about West Nile virus. They held meeting today to talk about the cause of the virus, how it is transmitted and how people can control the mosquito population. Mark Allen reports.

1:30 – Package

Melanie Barkley – Extension agent

9/18/02, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

### **MARIJUANA**

The Surgeon General is on a nationwide anti-drug campaign to push pot out of our neighborhoods and away from our children. Some experts are worried young teens are getting mixed messages about marijuana, causing them to think the drug is not as dangerous as the more illicit drugs like heroin.

:51 – SOT/VO

Patty Karn – Prevention specialist

9/19/02, 11 PM, Thursday Helen Chickering

### **PAIN RELIEVERS DANGEROUS**

A Food and Drug Administration advisory panel is pushing for stronger warning labels for some over-the-counter pain relievers. As Helen Chickering reports, government scientists say thousands of Americans may be unknowingly taking toxic doses of the medicine.

1:15 – Package

Dr. John Jenkins – FDA

Dr. Anthony Temple – McNeil Pharmaceuticals

9/20/02, 5 PM, Friday Tracie Potts

### **NEW HELP FOR M.S.**

Could a pregnancy hormone help women with multiple sclerosis? New research says yes. Tracie Potts shows how the breakthrough works.

1:59 – Package

Melissa Resnick – Expectant mom

Dr. Rhonda Voskuhl – UCLA Neuroscientist

## **WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: HEALTH / MENTAL HEALTH / DRUGS / ALCOHOL . . . . SEPTEMBER**

9/23/02, 5 / 5:30 / 6 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

### **CONFRONTING CANCER**

Tonight we begin a week long series about confronting cancer. Today we're talking about hormone replacement therapy. It's a therapy designed to help increase declining amounts of estrogen caused by menopause. Women are concerned because there is a lot of contradictory information and studies out there.

:47- SOT/VO

Nancy Nattis – has questions

Eleanor Pile – has questions

Shirley Call – has questions

Dr. Delbert Yoder – Conemaugh OB/GYN

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9/23/02, 5:30 PM, Monday Sophia Wharton

### **OSTEOPORO SCREENING**

Severely weak bones are a problem for an estimated 44 million U.S. men and women. The condition is called osteoporosis, and if detected early, the disease can be treated. Sophia Wharton has a report on what early detection steps to take.

1:32 – Package

Becky McCully, RN – Bon Secours

Alice Swab – Borderline sufferer

Denny Yingling – Hollidaysburg

9/24/02, 5 / 5:30 / 6 PM, Tuesday Sara Burget

### **CONFRONTING CANCER / CLINICAL TRIALS**

Tonight in our series on confronting cancer, we look at a different way of overcoming the disease. We look at clinical trials and the ones available in our area. Sara Burget reports.

2:13 – Package

David Miller – Clinical trial patient

Dr. Ibrahim Sbeitan – Director of Oncology

Dr. Luis Gonzalez – Chair, review board

Amy Bradley – Conemaugh Health System

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9/24/02, 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

### **FLU SHOTS**

Each year, over 100 thousand people are hospitalized for the flu, and 20 thousand of those die. Now, for the first time, officials are recommending flu shots for babies and toddlers. Doctors are hoping that parents won't wait too long because young children need two doses.

:44 – SOT/VO

Dr. Mike Balsan – Director Neonatal, UPMC

## ***WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: HEALTH / MENTAL HEALTH / DRUGS / ALCOHOL . . . . SEPTEMBER***

9/25/02, 5 / 5:30 / 6 PM, Wednesday Sara Burget

### **CONFRONTING CANCER / EMOTIONAL RECOVERY**

Tonight in our series on confronting cancer, we look at a different form of treatment that has nothing to do with chemotherapy, radiation, or drugs prescribed by your physician. It has everything to do with how you feel and your emotional stability while you deal with cancer. Sara Burget explains.

1:49 – Package

Dr. Greg Rys – Psychologist

Amy Bradley – Conemaugh Health system

Diane Pringle – Joyce Murtha Breast Care Center

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9/25/02, 11 PM, Wednesday Katrina Owens

### **TRANSPLANTS AND CANCER**

An unexpected risk for transplant patients is an increased risk of cancer. Now, doctors in Ohio have developed a treatment option that is showing promise at keeping the risk at bay. Katrina Owens reports.

1:41 – Package

Don Miller – Transplant survivor

Dr. Peirluigi Porcu – James Cancer Hospital

9/26/02, 5 / 5:30 / 6 PM, Thursday Sara Burget

### **CONFRONTING CANCER**

Continuing our series on confronting cancer, doctors say prevention is the best medicine, so how do you prevent yourself from getting cancer? Knowing if someone in your family has already been sick could save your life. Sara Burget reports.

1:56 – Package

Dr. Ibrahim Sbeitan – Director of Oncology

What kind of factors put you at risk? Family history or Diet?

Amy Bradley – Conemaugh Health System

Dr. Gerald Gargullo – Johnstown Breast Center

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9/27/02, 5 / 5:30 / 6 PM, Thursday Sara Burget

### **CONFRONTING CANCER**

Continuing our series on confronting cancer, we'll look at a form of cancer that strikes millions of Americans, lymphedema. Sara Burget reports on the battle against that disease.

1:56 – Package

Phil Crivello – Patient

Jennifer Kavar – Lymphedema therapist

Amy Bradley – Conemaugh Health System

Dr. Dianna Craig – Surgeon

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9/30/02, 5:30 PM, Monday Sally Jo Hoover

**CHILD SLEEP APNEA**

If your child snores and has trouble waking up in the morning, he or she could have a sleep disorder. Some sleep disorders can lead to learning problems and slow growth in children. Sally Jo Hoover reports.

1:43 – Package

Juanita Robinson – Brannan's Mom

Dr. William Broughton – Sleep specialist



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SEPTEMBER***

**Dr. Phil**                      **9/25/02**

Host: Dr. Phil McGraw

Dr. Phil advises families how to deal with the illness of a loves one. How can families create a bond that can help in the battle against diseases like cancer?

Show #: 1029              Syndicator: Paramount / Kingworld

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SEPTEMBER***

**Nightly News**

**Tuesday, September 3**

Nightly News examines why increasing numbers of Americans are undergoing stomach surgery to fight obesity. Are the procedures safe? Robert Bazell weighs the risks and benefits.

**Nightly News**

**Wednesday, September 4**

Nightly News examines just how safe the nation's blood supply is. New questions have been raised after a recent West Nile virus scare.

**Nightly News**

**Thursday, September 5**

Tonight, Nightly News looks at the soaring cost of health care in the United States. If you think the price of coverage has skyrocketed for you and your family, you're not alone.

**Nightly News**

**Tuesday, September 17**

Tonight on Nightly News, you can now be certain that the dream diets you've seen advertised may definitely be too good to be true. It's a weight loss rip-off.

**Nightly News**

**Thursday, September 19**

Tonight on Nightly News, in breast cancer detection, a new study finds that when mammograms are combined with an additional medical procedure, thousands of lives can be saved. It's important information every woman should know.

**Nightly News**

**Thursday, September 23**

Tonight on Nightly News is a look at the small pox vaccine. Today, the states received detailed guidelines for vaccinating the public in the event of a terrorist attack. There's important information that you and your family should know.

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SEPTEMBER***

Today

**Tuesday, September 24**

Today takes a look at the impact of infertility. The segment included discussion of the emotional impact of infertility, causes of infertility including age, when to go to an infertility expert, the infertility evaluation, preventing infertility, and optimizing infertility. Dr. Pat McShane, Reproductive Endocrinologist at the Reproductive Science Center in Waltham, MA provides expert information.

Today

**Tuesday, September 24**

Today takes a look at the "A,B, C's" of fertility. This segment includes discussion of how to plot your own fertility and be in charge of your own body. Toni Weschler, author of "Taking Charge of Your Fertility" provides guest commentary.

Nightly News

**Tuesday, September 24**

Tonight, Nightly News looks at a study that now confirms that a new device could replace bypass surgery for thousands of patients. It's medical information that could change cardiac care.

Today

**Wednesday, September 25**

Today takes a look at low and high tech treatments for infertility. The discussion includes monitoring ovulation, ovulation induction with clomiphene, intrauterine insemination, and laparoscopy, controlled ovarian hyperstimulation, and success rates, costs, side affects of drugs, and regulation. Dr. Frederick Lichardi, Reproductive Endocrinologist at New York University guests.

Today

**Wednesday, September 25**

Today takes a look at male infertility. Several men discuss the emotional aspects of infertility. Dr. Marc Goldstein of New York Presbyterian Hospital Weil Cornell is the guest.

Today

**Thursday, September 26**

Today takes a look at the medical controversies and social issues involved in innovative treatments. The discussion includes egg donation, sperm donation, surrogacy, embryo donation, and egg freezing. Dr. Susan Treiser, Reproductive Endocrinologist Director IVF of Summerset, New Jersey is the guest.

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Today

**Friday, September 27**

Today takes a look at the costs of infertility. Why do some states cover infertility treatments and other states do not?

Nightly News

**Friday, September 27**

Nightly News examines how technology is being used to dramatically improve disabled people's lives. One in five Americans are disabled, and many of them are helped by the rapidly growing assistive technology industry. George Lewis reports on the latest innovations.

## ***WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CONSUMER NEWS . . . . JULY***

7/01/02, 5:30 PM, Monday Patricia Crosby

### **SUNSCREEN**

Before you head to the pool or the barbecue this Fourth of July, you need to make sure you've got sunscreen. But do you have the right one for you and your family? Patricia Crosby has some pointers on navigating the sunscreen aisle at your local drugstore.

1:41 – Package

Linda Connolly – Mom

Dr. Scott Warren – Dermatologist

7/02/02, 5 PM, Tuesday Becky Thompson

### **OLD GLORY TO THE TEST**

Sales of American flags soared after Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>, but nearly 10 months later, some are looking pretty ragged. Consumer investigator Becky Thompson tested a variety of flags, looking for the stars and stripes that will hold up the longest.

1:21 – Package

Pat Slaven – Consumer Reports

7/02/02, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Alison Burns

### **DEPT. HOMELAND SECURITY**

The new department of Homeland Security is designed to combine several departments, so that vital information comes to light. But some believe it will actually hurt America in the long run. Alison Burns has the latest from Washington.

:11 – Live

7/03/02, 5 PM, Wednesday Leslie Larocke

### **RV SALES**

It's being called a leading economic indicator, the recreational industry. And the RV Association says that Americans are definitely on the road to recovery. Leslie Larocke takes a closer look at this growing trend.

1:27 – Package

Bruce Hertzke – CEO, Winnebago

David Humphreys – R.V. Industry Association

7/08/02, 5:30 PM, Monday Becky Thompson

### **SATELLITE RADIO**

Satellite radio, it's the biggest revolution in radio since FM went stereo. It promises to deliver static-free radio anywhere in the country. Channel 6's consumer reporter Becky Thompson teams up with Consumer Reports to find out how it works and how much it costs.

1:30 – Package

7/09/02, 5 PM, Tuesday Becky Thompson

### **A DEAL ON AIRLINE TICKETS**

More and more people are using the internet to plan trips and find travel deals. Consumer investigator Becky Thompson takes a look at which web sites offer the best deals on airline tickets.

1:29 – Package

Bill McGee – Consumer Reports

## ***WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CONSUMER NEWS . . . . JULY***

7/10/02, 11 PM, Wednesday Tracie Potts

### **PERSONAL TRAINERS**

What used to be a luxury reserved for the most elite athletes is now cropping up in every gym across America. We're talking about personal trainers. As a whole, personal trainers are not regulated. Some have no certification at all. As Tracie Potts reports, you might be surprised to find out how much they don't know.

1:56 – Package

Ismael Aguila – trainer

Pamela Colburn – Client

Michelle Wolf – trainer

7/11/02, 5 PM, Thursday Becky Thompson

### **ORGANIC FOOD – WORTH THE PRICE?**

You'll pay a premium for organically grown produce. Even so, sales jumped 43 percent last year. Health concerns over pesticides is one of the main reasons people buy it. Consumer investigator Becky Thompson finds out if it's worth paying extra for organic.

1:31 – Package

Dr. Edward Groth – Consumer Reports

7/12/02, 5 PM, Friday Jane Wells

### **CONSUMER CONFIDENCE**

With the on-going drops in the stock market along with recent corporate financial scandals, many of you are losing confidence in investing. Jane Wells takes a look at what needs to be done to get you back in the game.

1:53 – Package

John Lawrence – Sec. Fraud Attorney

Robin Ray – Investor

7/12/02, 11 PM, Friday Mark Allen

### **POWER USE**

How much power do you use? Do you know what it costs to run the appliances in your home? Mark Allen joins us live with the info on which are the most expensive.

2:02 – Package

:11 – Live

Terry Hall – Energy specialist

7/16/02, 5 PM, Tuesday Becky Thompson

### **APPLIANCE SAVINGS**

Renovating your kitchen can easily be one of the most expensive home improvement projects, running between 15 to 25 thousand dollars. If you want a professional style range and a built in refrigerator, count on more spending. Consumer investigator Becky Thompson puts these and other appliances to the test, and gives you some money saving advice.

1:32 – Package

Tara Casaregola – Consumer Reports

Tobie Stanger – Consumer Reports

7/18/02, 5 PM, Thursday Lynnette Khalfani

### **VACATION PLANNING**

It's never too late to plan for that perfect vacation. And whether you're surfing the web or booking with a travel agent, there are still lots of great travel bargains. Lynnette Khalfani shows you some insider travel secrets that can help you plan a fun and affordable getaway.

1:41 – Package

Jackie Wolfer – International Tours & Cruises

Mantill Williams – American Auto Association

## ***WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CONSUMER NEWS . . . . JULY***

7/19/02, 5 PM, Friday Tom Costello

### **INVESTING IN REAL ESTATE**

With the current uncertainty of the stock market, investors are looking for a more sure thing. Thanks to low interest rates, both commercial and residential real estate are red hot right now. Tom Costello takes a look at this new money making trend.

2:50 - Package

Bill Abbott - Investor

Alan Greenspan - Federal Reserve Chairman

Lawrence Yun - National Association of Realtors

Enna Chin - Real estate investor

7/19/02, 11 PM, Friday Brigette Langmade

### **MEAT RECALL**

One of the country's biggest meatpackers, Conagra, is recalling 19 million pounds of ground beef. As Brigette Langmade reports, federal officials are telling everyone to check their freezers.

1:45 - Package

Ann Veneman - Secretary of Agriculture

Elsa Murano - Dept. of Agriculture

7/22/02, 5:30 / 6 PM, Monday Virginia Cha

### **GAS PRICES**

We've probably noticed that the price at the pumps is inching up. So how high will they go? Why aren't we seeing the traditional peak in gas prices? Virginia Cha goes to the pumps for some answers.

1:31 - Package

Mantill Williams - AAA

Spencer Abraham - Energy Secretary

7/22/02, 11 PM, Monday Mark Allen

### **HOME IMPROVEMENT FRAUD**

Each year millions of people embark on home improvement projects. Some choose to go it alone, but most decide to hire a professional to finish the job. So how can you prevent yourself from being cheated? Mark Allen is live in Johnstown with some answers.

1:20 - Package

:11 - Live

Marilyn Roseman - Knows her contractor

Jim Buhaly - Home Builders' Association

7/22/02, 11 PM, Monday Sophia Wharton

### **LOCAL GAS PRICES**

Experts say that about this time every year, gas prices go up because of the demand when families hit the road for summer vacations. But this year, the national trend shows a drop. So what is happening in our area? Sophia Wharton reports.

1:07 - Package

Sandy Minichiello - State College

Karen Woomer - Tyrone

## ***WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CONSUMER NEWS . . . . JULY***

7/23/02, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Sophia Wharton

### **REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT**

Investing in real estate may have been last year's boom according to financial analysts, but don't tell homeowners in Pennsylvania that. Rising costs just don't seem to bother them. Sophia Wharton is live in State College with more.

1:17 - Package

:14 - Live

Mark Bigatel - Real estate broker

Sam Homan - Pres. Homan Construction

7/24/02, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Becky Thompson

### **HOME WARRANTIES**

Peace of mind is what many people believe they're getting when they buy an older home covered by a home warranty. But that coverage isn't always what buyers expect. Channel 6's Becky Thompson shows what you'll get what you may not get for your home warranty.

2:05 - Package

7/29/02, 5 PM, Monday I. J. Hudson

### **NEW COMPUTER**

If your hand-held computer's too small, and your lap top is too big, I. J. Hudson may have the new equipment you need. It's called the 83. Here's a look.

1:42 - Package

Ian Blasch - Tqit Computers

7/30/02, 5 PM, Tuesday Becky Thompson

### **KITCHEN COUNTERS**

Granite is the ultimate choice for counters in top of the line kitchens. Now there's a man-made stone that looks a lot like granite, but it offers some advantages over the real stone.

Consumer investigator Becky Thompson explains why.

1:30 - Package

Rico de Paz - Consumer Reports

7/31/02, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Becky Thompson

### **TWO WAY RADIOS**

Two way radios are growing in popularity. Unlike cell phones, you're not locked into a monthly service plan, and there are no expensive roaming charges. Channel 6's consumer investigator Becky Thompson checks out two-way radios to see how well they keep you connected.

1:20 - Package



## ***NBC - CONSUMER ISSUES . . . . JULY***

### **Nightly News**

#### **Monday, July 1**

Nightly News puts the Postal Service to the test. Does using priority mail get your packages to their destination faster? What does the extra cost really get you? The answers might surprise you.

### **Dateline**

#### **Sunday, July 7**

Do you love to cook? Would you love it more if you had the latest, greatest appliances in your kitchen? There's a lot to choose from out there. Do you have to spend big bucks to get the best? Or can you bake your cake and eat it too? Chief Consumer Correspondent Lea Thompson with a Dateline/Consumer Reports Exclusive.

### **Nightly News**

#### **Tuesday, July 9**

Nightly News looks at the ups and downs of power pricing in California. How did last year's crisis lead to this year's high prices for consumers, even though wholesale prices are down and power companies are profiting?

### **Dateline**

#### **Tuesday, July 9**

In a Dateline Consumer Alert chief consumer correspondent Lea Thompson has the results of the latest round of 40 MPH crash tests from the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety. In this round, small size SUV's: The 2002 Honda CR-V, The 2002 Land Rover Freelander, The 2002 Saturn VUE, The 2003 Subaru Forester.

## ***CONSUMER ISSUES . . . . JULY***

### **The Other Half      7/09/02**

Host: Dick Clark, Mario Lopez, Danny Bonaduce, & Dorian Gregory

In one segment, The Other Half looks at ways to take control of your finances. With the erupting CEO scandals, many people feel they have lost control. Today's guests offer advice on how to take back control in the complex world of finance.

Show #: 416-02R                      Syndicator: NBC Enterprises

### **The Other Half      7/12/02**

Host: Dick Clark, Mario Lopez, Danny Bonaduce, & Dorian Gregory

In one segment, The Other Half looks at ways to lower your bills. There are lots of bargains out there; you just need to know where to look. Today's guest explains how he did it, and you can too.

Show #: 419-02R                      Syndicator: NBC Enterprises

### **The Other Half      7/16/02**

Host: Dick Clark, Mario Lopez, Danny Bonaduce, & Dorian Gregory

In one segment, The Other Half looks at sun glasses. The styles can vary, but which are the most functional? Which will protect your eyes from the sun's damaging rays? The Other Half takes a look.

Show #: 716-02R                      Syndicator: NBC Enterprises

### **The Other Half      7/31/02**

Host: Dick Clark, Mario Lopez, Danny Bonaduce, & Dorian Gregory

In one segment, The Other Half looks at ways to buy that "runway look" for less. The fashions that grace the runways of Paris can be yours, with a little ingenuity and wise shopping.

Show #: 501-02R                      Syndicator: NBC Enterprises

## **WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CONSUMER NEWS . . . . AUGUST**

8/01/02, 5 PM, Thursday Lisa Stofko

### **WHEELING & DEALING**

Want to get a good deal on a new car? It might mean buying a plane ticket or at least making a road trip. That's because prices on certain models vary across the country. And that means savvy shoppers can save big money if they don't mind a little travel. Lisa Stofko shows us the new way of wheeling and dealing.

2:10 – Package

8/02/02, 11 PM, Friday Liz Crenshaw

### **BAD BREATH**

Now we have a story that will take your breath away, at least your bad breath. Liz Crenshaw asks some people to check out two products that claim to change bad breath to beautiful.

2:07 – Package

8/05/02, 5 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

### **CAR BUYING TIPS**

With the push on to bolster the economy, now may be the right time to make a big purchase, such as a new car. But don't automatically think "new" means new. One of the best ways to get some of the luxuries of a new car without the costs is checking out leased cars.

:38 – SOT/VO

Clarke Howard – Consumer Guru

8/06/02, 5 PM, Tuesday Tylar Bacome

### **GARDEN EQUIPMENT**

Summer is the time for yardwork, but some of the more complicated work may require more than just a lawnmower or pruners. Many of those tools are available for rent, but is it worth it? Tylar Bacome digs in and finds out if you're better off buying or renting..

1:00 – Package

Jim Forkin – Action Rental

8/06/02, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Alison Burns

### **DO NOT CALL SCAM**

A new telephone scam is targetting the people who hate telemarketers. If you've ever wanted to get on one of those no-call lists, Alison Burns has information you need to know.

1:00 – Package

Lara Murray – Crime victim's advocate

Dane Snowden – FCC

8/06/02, 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

### **DO NOT CALL**

Imagine you're spending a quiet evening at home with your family when you're interrupted by a call from a telemarketer. It's happened to all of us. But now, the state is taking action to give you some of your privacy back.

:42 – SOT/VO

Mike Fisher – PA Attorney General

## ***WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CONSUMER NEWS . . . . AUGUST***

8/07/02, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Becky Thompson

### **PEANUT BUTTER**

We eat 700 million pounds of peanut butter every year. That's more than any other country. Channel 6's consumer reporter Becky Thompson teams up with Consumer Reports to find the best brands for peanut butter lovers.

1:18 – Package

8/08/02, 5 PM, Thursday Landra Booker

### **TV SETS**

In the market for a new tv set? In a few years, it could be out of date. That's because by the year 2007, all sets will be required to include a digital tuner. So how will this effect you and more importantly you wallet? Landra Booker joins us live from Washington.

1:45 – Package

:13 – Live

8/09/02, 11 PM, Friday Tom Costello

### **RETIREMENT HOUSING**

Speculation that the Fed will cut interest rates again is music to the ears of anyone with a mortgage. But as Tom Costello reports, to many aging baby boomers, it could be yet another reason to sell now and downsize into a retirement lifestyle.

2:19 – Package

Tom Jennings – House hunter

Alex Perriello – Coldwell Banker

8/12/02, 11 PM, Monday Alison Burns

### **QUORN**

Tonight, a consumer group wants the government to take a new food product off the market. It's called "quorn." It's a meat-less meal that looks and tastes like the real thing. But the meat substitute may be making some people sick. Channel 6's Alison Burns has the latest from Washington.

1:54 – Package

Michael Jacobson – Consumer advocate

Laura Hubbard – Quorn consumer

Victor Stamwick – Quorn consumer

David Wilson – Quorn Foods, Inc.

8/13/02, 5 PM, Tuesday Becky Thompson

### **KID-FRIENDLY BACKSEATS**

Are you in the market for a new car? Well don't forget to include your kids in the decision process. Let them put it to the test. Consumer reporter Becky Thompson has more on curing the backseat blues.

1:40 – Package

8/13/02, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Lisa Stofko

### **SPREADING THE WORD**

Ever buy something and feel ripped-off? You just want to tell the whole world about the company that did you wrong. More people than ever are turning to the web to air their grievances, and companies are taking notice. Lisa Stofko shows us how to get results online.

2:39 – Package

## ***WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CONSUMER NEWS . . . . AUGUST***

8/13/02, 6 PM, Tuesday Sophia Wharton

### **QUORN**

A relatively new meatless product called quorn has come under fire in Washington. It's been sold in Europe since 1987. Some people have reported becoming ill from the product. But what is it and why is it so popular? Sophia Wharton reports.

1:40 – Package

8/15/02, 5 PM, Thursday Becky Thompson

### **TOOLS**

Whether it's for a big home improvement project or just a hobby, many of you find yourself in the market for some handy tools. Consumer investigator Becky Thompson takes a look at which cutting tools are worth the cost.

1:23 – Package

8/19/02, 5:30 PM, Monday Becky Thompson

### **SNEAKIER SPAM**

Junk e-mail, or spam, has doubled in the last six months. Marketers are getting sneakier about it. Channel 6's Becky Thompson has some tips for getting off and staying off the receiving end of e-mail you don't want.

1:11 – Package

Jeff Fox – Consumer Reports

8/20/02, 5:00 PM, Tuesday Becky Thompson

### **CEREALS**

We spend over seven billion dollars a year on cereal. And it's not just for kids. More and more, baby boomers are showing a big interest in healthy cereals. Channel 6's Becky Thompson teams up with Consumer Reports to find cereals that taste good and are good for you.

1:19 – Package

Maxine Siegel – Consumer Reports

8/20/02, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Lisa Stofko

### **CREDIT CARDS**

If you are like most people, hardly a week goes by without getting a credit card offer in the mail. Some of them sound very tempting. But before you sign up, there's something you should know. A fixed rate isn't always so fixed. As far as being preapproved, don't count on it. Consumer advocates are crying foul over what they call are the "tricks of the trade." Lisa Stofko reports on the things you need to know before you charge ahead.

2:35 – Package

8/21/02, 5 PM, Wednesday Becky Thompson

### **BEST BANDAGES**

Band-aids have become more than just a quick cover up for cuts and scrapes. If you look, you can find dozens of brands. They come with all kinds of extras, like antibacterial cream or claims of being waterproof. So which are actually the best value for your buck? Becky Thompson reports.

1:38 – Package

## ***WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CONSUMER NEWS . . . . AUGUST***

8/21/02, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Scott Gordon

### **WEIGHT DISCRIMINATION**

A Dallas area man is filing legal action against Southwest Airlines over what he considers flatout discrimination. He says the Dallas-based airlines charged him for 2 seats as a large-sized passenger. The suit has implications for travellers across the country. Scott Gordon reports.

1:27 – Package

Steven Samaniego – Airline passenger

Ed Stewart – Southwest Airlines

8/22/02, 5:30 PM, Thursday Jane Wells

### **INTEREST ONLY LOANS**

Real estate prices are booming, and many home buyers are turning to non-traditional mortgages. One is called an interest-only mortgage. Jane Watrell explains how it works and if it is right for you.

2:18 – Package

Doug Perry – Countrywide Home Loans

David Stumpf – A.G. Edwards

8/26/02, 5:30 PM, Monday Tyler Bacome

### **FINGERPRINT CHECKOUT**

Wouldn't it be nice if you could go to the grocery store and leave your wallet and checkbook at home? That might not be too far off. Just like something out of a sci-fi movie, the Kroger grocery chain is experimenting with a fingerprint system at a handful of stores. Kroger serves stores as close as Pittsburgh. While Tyler Bacome tells about the future of checkouts, not everyone is thrilled with the idea.

1:40 – Package

Nick Rees – Kroger spokesman

Pattie Raposo – Shopper

8/26/02, 6 PM, Monday Brigitte Langmade

### **INVESTMENT SCAMS**

The shaky stock market and uncertain economy has some looking for low-risk, high return investments. Scam artists are cashing in to the tune of millions of dollars per hour. Brigitte Langmade tells you about what could tip you off to a scam.

1:00 – Package

Magdalena Scheller – Scam victim

## ***NBC - CONSUMER ISSUES . . . . AUGUST***

### **Dateline**

#### **Sunday, August 4**

Dateline teams up with *Consumer Reports* to find out which antacids work the best. Sixteen antacids were tested to see which one was the most effective for the lowest cost.

### **Nightly News**

#### **Monday, August 19**

Tonight on Nightly News, with mortgage rates at an all-time low, Americans are expected to refinance. But the money they save on the rate could be spent on high "junk fees." Anne Thompson reports on what these junk fees are and how the consumer can know when they're paying too much.

### **Nightly News**

#### **Monday, August 26**

Nightly News looks at defective pipes. As many as 6 million households may have plumbing systems that contain defective pipes. There is important information that could save thousands of dollars in future repairs.

### **Nightly News**

#### **Wednesday, August 28**

Tonight on Nightly News, is big brother watching? Some rental car companies are using satellite technology to track their cars' every move. How does that effect the cost when you rent a car?

## ***CONSUMER ISSUES . . . . AUGUST***

### **The Other Half      8/28/02**

Host: Dick Clark, Mario Lopez, Danny Bonaduce, & Dorian Gregory

In one segment, The Other Half looks at ways to repair your credit. Chuck Woolery supplies his own story of how his credit record got messed up.

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## **WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CONSUMER NEWS . . . . SEPTEMBER**

9/04/02, 5 PM, Wednesday Tylar Bacome

### **AIR TRAVEL**

With more and more airlines struggling through tough economic times, many travelers may be worried about what could happen if the flight they pay for never takes off. Tylar Bacome has important information.

1:14 - Package

Ron Hersh - Travel agent

9/06/02, 5 PM, Friday Liz Crenshaw

### **SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

Back to school means school supply shopping. Where you buy your school supplies can make a big difference in how much you spend. Liz Crenshaw tells us just how much of a difference.

3:17 - Package

9/16/02, 5:30 PM, Monday Becky Thompson

### **HEALTH INSURANCE**

16 million Americans have individual health insurance policies, perhaps because they are self-employed, unemployed, or their employer doesn't cover them. It's likely that one day you'll need one. Channel 6 consumer reporter Becky Thompson has some advice on how to avoid the pitfalls of buying health insurance.

1:26 - Package

Trudy Lieberman - Consumer Reports

9/17/02, 11 PM, Tuesday Landra Booker

### **UNTRUE ADS**

Millions of Americans are depending upon false ads to help them cut the fat. That's what the Federal Trade Commission in Washington says following a study of weight loss advertisements. It found that a majority of those ads are making untrue claims. As Landra Booker reports, instead of consumers losing weight, they're losing money.

1:37 - Package

Timothy Muris - FTC Chairman

Lynn McAfee - CSWD

9/20/02, 5:30 PM, Friday Audrey Laganas

### **BUYING A CAR**

You've seen the ads, zero percent interest for that new car purchase. But are those deals right for you? Audrey Laganas reports.

1:15 - Package

Don Angelo - AAA

9/25/02, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Lynsey Paulo

### **WORKING AT HOME**

You see them along the road or at the grocery store, those ads promising big bucks while you work at home. But is this so-called fountain of home-based funds for real? The Better Business Bureau warns that when those signs and infomercial say "results may vary," they mean it. Lynsey Paulo taps into the world of work at home ads.

1:39 - Package

## ***WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CONSUMER NEWS . . . . SEPTEMBER***

9/25/02, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Becky Thompson

### **BEST WALKING SHOES**

Before winter settles in, many of you may be enjoying the fall conditions and go for a walk. That is the exercise of choice for 30 million people. For them, a good pair of walking shoes is one important investment. Becky Thompson takes a look at more than 20 pairs of shoes to find the best one.

1:25 – Package

9/26/02, 6 PM, Thursday Eileen Teves

### **AMTRAK**

Amtrak may have to cut six of its long-distance trains, and two of them, the Pennsylvanian and the Three Rivers train travel through our area. What does this mean for local travelers who rely on trains? Will cuts put the brakes on them? Eileen Teves reports.

1:19 – Package

Kedrick Keys – Train passenger

Rep. Rick Geist – ( R ) 79<sup>th</sup> District

## ***NBC - CONSUMER ISSUES . . . . SEPTEMBER***

### **Nightly News**

#### **Thursday, September 5**

Tonight on Nightly News, it's cutting the cord on the household phone. Find out why an increasing number of Americans are abandoning conventional phones and going wireless.

### **Nightly News**

#### **Friday, September 20**

Nightly News examines the new world of air travel. In particular, why do many consumers feel nicked and dimed by major airlines who are cutting costs at the passengers' expense?

## ***CONSUMER ISSUES . . . . SEPTEMBER***

**Dr. Phil**                      **9/26/02**

Host: Dr. Phil McGraw

Dr. Phil examines fat lawsuits. Some are suing fast food restaurants for their children's obesity problems. Is it a legitimate beef or is it just a way to shift blame? Plus, can airlines make heavy passengers buy two tickets because they can't fit in a single seat? Another man is suing an airline for seating an overweight passenger next to him and making his trip uncomfortable.

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## **WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: GOVERNMENT / POLITICS . . . JULY**

7/01/02, 6 PM, Monday Jon Meyer

### **CHANGE OF HEART**

Cambria County's Democratic Party waged a political war against candidate Ed Rendell during the primary election. Now that he's the Democratic nominee for governor though, there's been a change of heart. Jon Meyer was there when party leaders announced the endorsement.

1:41 – Package

Bill Joseph – Cambria County Democratic Party

Ed Rendell – Candidate for Governor

7/02/02, 11 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

### **FIREFIGHTING FUNDS**

Pennsylvania voters will decide this November if volunteer fire departments in the state will get more funding. Governor Schweiker's budget signed over the weekend asks if the state should borrow millions to help make improvements.

:45 – SOT/VO

Clair Saylor – Somerset County Firemen's Association

7/02/02, 11 PM, Tuesday Lisa Stofko

### **PRIVACY DEBATE**

You've probably noticed that black line on the back of your driver's license. Now, because of new technology, those black lines have become the front line in the debate over privacy versus security. Lisa Stofko has more.

2:10 – Package

7/03/02, 11 PM, Wednesday Mike Majchrowitz

### **AIRPORT SECURITY**

The nation's zero tolerance policy for airports may have found its number is up. The government is making it more difficult for security workers to order airport evacuations or to recall planes to the gate. Airports are relieved that there will be fewer disruptions, but a Mike Majchrowitz reports, critics say the government is putting convenience ahead of safety.

2:00 – Package

Stephen Van Beek – Airports Council International

Billie Vincent – Aerospace Services International

7/05/02, 6 / 11 PM, Friday Sophia Wharton

### **PHOTO ID'S TO VOTE**

The next time you head to the polls to vote, you may be carrying more than just your voter registration card. The House passed legislation that requires you to have photo ID when you cast your vote. As Sophia Wharton reports, the potential policy is getting mixed reviews.

1:23 – Package

Cathy Boyce – Holidaysburg

7/08/02, 5:30 PM, Monday Landra Booker

### **WORLD.COM**

Congress has taken on another corporate accounting scandal. The former leaders of Worldcom were forced to appear before a Congressional committee investigating the mishandling of 3.8 billion dollars. Landra Booker is live in Washington with more.

1:00 – Package

:11 – Live

Scott Sullivan – Former Worldcom CEO

Bernard Ebbers – Former Worldcom Chair

Rep. Bernard Sanders - ( R ) Vermont

Rep. Jay Inslee - ( D ) Washington

## ***WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: GOVERNMENT / POLITICS . . . JULY***

7/09/02, 11 PM, Tuesday Mike Majchrowitz

### **BUSH ON BUSINESS**

Calling for a new era of corporate responsibility, President Bush laid out his vision for more honesty and transparency in business. As Mike Majchrowitz reports, the President is trying to distance himself from recent business scandals and get ahead of calls for reform.

1:48 – Package

Sen. Tom Daschle – ( D ) Majority leader

7/10/02, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Alison Burns

### **ARMING PILOTS**

Arming pilots onboard flights – it's been a hot debate, especially since the September 11<sup>th</sup> hijackings. The pilots are for it while those on Capitol Hill aren't so sure it's a good idea. Today the issue came before the House for a vote. Alison Burns has the latest from Washington.

1:20 – Package

7/12/02, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

### **TOBACCO TAX**

Starting today, the cost of smoking cigarettes will be considerably more expensive. With the new one dollar a pack tax, many smokers are vowing to quit or at least cut down. Reaction is mixed from both sides of the smoking issue.

:42 – SOT/VO

Pat Dandrea – Pres. Blair County Candy Co.

7/12/02, 6 PM, Friday Brigette Langmade

### **SENIORS PRESCRIPTION PLANS**

It's shaping up to be a big week for seniors in Washington. The Senate will take up the hot issue of costly prescription drugs. But as Washington wrangles over reforms, many seniors are forced to go back to work to pay the high cost of growing old in America. As Brigette Langmade reports, some say the future is grim.

1:20 – Package

Marty Reiser – Senior advocate

Scott Parkin – National Council on Aging

7/16/02, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Brooke Hart

### **HOMELAND SECURITY PLAN**

It's the first of its kind – the President's new comprehensive plan to prevent terrorism within our borders. At the cornerstone of the plan is the Homeland Security Department. Today, several cabinet members went to Capitol Hill to make sure lawmakers adopt the plan. Brooke Hart has more from Washington.

1:30 – Package

Sen. Edward Kennedy – Massachusetts ( D )

Tom Ridge – Homeland Security Director

7/16/02, 11 PM, Tuesday Landra Booker

### **HOMELAND SECURITY**

President Bush has a plan to protect the homeland. The first ever national strategy for homeland security includes changes in state and federal laws. But as Landra Booker reports, the plan faces tough challenges in Congress.

1:47 – Package

Tom Ridge – Homeland Security Director

Tommy Thompson – Health & Human Services Dept.

## **WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: GOVERNMENT / POLITICS . . . JULY**

7/17/02, 11 PM, Wednesday Alison Burns

### **WHISTLEBLOWERS**

There are disturbing allegations from the federal government that agencies are silencing or ignoring whistleblowers. Tonight Alison Burns takes a look at how government whistleblowers who are trying to protect America's safety and security are often treated in part one of a special report.

2:49 – Package

Elaine Kaplan – Special Counsel

Bob Martin – Former EPA Ombudsman

Diane Kleiman – Former Customs Agent

Bill Bransford – Attorney

7/18/02, 6 PM, Thursday Gary Sinderson

### **OPERATION TIPS**

Are new efforts to strengthen homeland security actually encouraging us to spy on each other? The federal government's latest initiative, called "Operation Tips," is getting a mixed reaction, even from some government workers. As the debate continues on infringing on civil liberties, we're hearing more opinions. Gary Sinderson joins us live from State College with more.

1:00 – Package

:11 – Live

Jim Eisenman – Truck driver

Jerry Hensley – Truck driver

7/18/02, 11 PM, Thursday Mark Allen

### **DRUG TESTING**

A Pennsylvania lawmaker wants to bring more funding to public schools to implement random drug testing programs. Congressman John Peterson introduced legislation today to give about one-hundred million dollars to school districts nationwide. Mark Allen is live with more.

:32 – Package

:14 – Live

Rep. John Peterson – ( R ) 5<sup>th</sup> District

7/19/02, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Landra Booker

### **HOMELAND SECURITY**

Congress is hammering out the details of a new Homeland Security Department. The legislation, now before the House Select Committee may postpone plans for explosive baggage screening at the nation's airports. Landra Booker is live in Washington with more.

:10 – Live

1:45 – Package

Rep. Nancy Pelosi – ( D ) California

Rep. Tom Delay – ( R ) Texas

Rep. Bob Menendez – ( D ) New Jersey

Stuart Matthews – Flight Safety Foundation

7/22/02, 5:30 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

### **BORDER SECURITY**

Could a century old law keep the government from effectively protecting our nation's borders? President Bush is looking in to the "Posse Comitatus Law" that bars the U.S. military from taking part in domestic policing.

:52 – SOT/VO

Sen. Don Nichols – ( R ) Oklahoma

Sen. Carl Levin – ( D ) Michigan

## ***WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: GOVERNMENT / POLITICS . . . JULY***

7/24/02, 5 PM, Wednesday Alison Burns

### **CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY**

The turn around in stocks today may be related to action on Capitol Hill. The Senate is looking into corporate responsibility and stricter penalties for company heads who mishandle funds. Alison Burns is live in Washington with more.

1:45 – Package

:11 – Live

Stephen Cutler – Securities & Exchange Commission

Rep. Jack Kingston – ( R ) Georgia

7/30/02, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

### **ECSTASY**

Dealers pushing ecstasy in Pennsylvania could be facing the same penalties as those pushing heroin. That's if Senator Jake Corman of Centre County and Attorney General Mike Fisher get their way.

:32 – SOT/VO

Mike Fisher – Attorney General of Pennsylvania

7/30/02, 11 PM, Tuesday Brigitte Langmade

### **CAR REPAIRS**

When your engine light comes on, do you take your car to the neighborhood repair shop or do you take it back to the dealership? Well some say you may not have a choice? As Brigitte Langmade reports, mechanics gathered on Capitol Hill today for your right to choose where you go for repairs.

1:37 – Package

John Francis – Auto mechanic

Dale Feste – Auto mechanic

John Nielsen – AAA

7/31/02, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Helen Chickering

### **PRESCRIPTION WOES**

If you're over age 65, you'll have to wait another year for a Medicare prescription drug plan. By a 50 to 49 vote, the Senate rejected a last ditch effort to keep the proposal alive. Helen Chickering reports.

1:23 – Package

Bobby Cherry – Medicare recipient

Karen Davis, PhD. – Commonwealth Fund



## ***NBC – GOVERNMENT / POLITICS . . . . JULY***

### **Nightly News**

#### **Monday, July 8 – Powering America**

In a special Nightly News series, we look at the political and environmental quandary of off-shore drilling. How will Bush's ties to big oil affect his decisions?

### **Nightly News**

#### **Thursday, July 11 – Powering America**

Tonight, there's a look at America's growing dependence on Russia as a significant supplier of oil and how this is shaping foreign policy here and abroad. Andrea Mitchell talks to the head of YUKOS, Russia's largest private oil company in his offices in the heart of Houston.

### **Nightly News**

#### **Tuesday, July 23**

Tonight on Nightly News, Lisa Myers examines Capitol Hill hypocrisy. Virtually every member of Congress is now demanding tougher reforms and crackdowns on the accounting industry and on corporate greed. However, these very same members of Congress, in the past, have fought such reforms, leading to the question: "How many friends do investors really have in Congress?"

## ***WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: GOVERNMENT / POLITICS . . . AUGUST***

8/02/02, 11 PM, Friday Landra Booker

### **TERRORISM**

Who's leaking information on terrorist activity to the media? That's what the FBI wants to know, and now they're asking members of Congress to take lie detector tests. Landra Booker has the details from our Washington D.C. newsroom.

1:46 – Package

Ari Fleischer – White House spokesman

Sen. Chuck Hagel – ( R ) Nebraska

Mark Tushnet – Constitutional Law Professor

8/05/02, 11 PM, Monday Alison Burns

### **TERRORISM**

There are new reports that the Bush Administration may have ignored warnings from predecessors in the Clinton White House about the threat of Al Qaida terrorists. Let's go to Alison Burns in Washington with the story.

1:42 – Package

L. Paul Bremmer – Former U.S. Ambassador

8/06/02, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Landra Booker

### **PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN**

The President unveiled a new initiative to help protect your children which included a White House conference to address the problem of child abductions. He also debuted a handbook that will guide parents and teachers on how to make kids safe.

1:46 – Package

Rod Paige – Education Secretary

John Rabun – Child safety advocate

8/07/02, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Landra Booker

### **WEST NILE ACTION**

The worst ever West Nile virus outbreak continues to grip the State of Louisiana. So far, five people have died there, but more cases keep popping up. Today, the first human case of infection was reported in Alabama. Tonight health officials are urging the federal government to step in and step up protection for the entire country. Landra Booker is live in Washington with more.

1:00 – Package

:16 – Live

David Hood – Louisiana Dept. of Health

Dr. Muhammed Akhter – American Public Health Assoc.

8/07/02, 6 PM, Wednesday Gary Sinderson

### **ANTIWAR DEMONSTRATIONS**

Talk of invading Iraq is sparking a nationwide debate. As Gary Sinderson reports, those against the war are going on the offensive early.

1:30 – Package

8/08/02, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Gary Sinderson

### **PROPERTY TAX CONTROVERSY**

If you're optimistic about an upcoming legislative session on property tax reform in Pennsylvania, some lawmakers are saying not to get too excited about it.

1:25 – Package

Jake Corman – Centre County

Alan Schoonover – Penns Valley School District

Rep. Kerry Benninghoff – ( R ) Centre County

## ***WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: GOVERNMENT / POLITICS . . . AUGUST***

8/08/02, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Roseanne Colletti

### **ONLINE MUSIC**

Hollywood is setting the stage for mouse-to-mouse combat in the political war over internet piracy. Roseanne Colletti tells us about a new bill giving the entertainment industry hijacker privileges to protect copyrights.

1:42 – Package

Alec French – Council to Rep, Berman

Chris Hoffnagle – Elec. Privacy Info. Center

8/08/02, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Essex Porter

### **COFFEE TAX PLAN**

Smokers in Pennsylvania are still getting used to paying more per pack thanks to a new law. Now coffee drinkers could be the next ones to shell out even more. If lawmakers in Washington State get their way, that daily sot of espresso will cost 10 cents more. The reason is to raise millions for early childhood education. Essex Porter reports.

1:21 – Package

Lauren Tozzi – Approves of coffee tax

Lacina Cook – Mother, likes coffee tax

Khamn Bottie – Concerned about business

James Larabee – Taxed too much

8/08/02, 11 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

### **NEW TV REQUIREMENTS**

Federal regulators voted to promote television technology, and the decision could increase the cost of the next tv you buy. Whether you want it or not, a better television picture and sound quality may soon be mandatory.

1:05 – SOT/VO

Edward Fritts – National Association of Broadcasters

Gary Shapiro – Consumer Elect. Association

8/09/02, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

### **STEM CELL RESEARCH**

A year has passed since President Bush made his historic announcement about stem cell research. Now, many doctors and patients say that limiting that research is wrong.

:40 – SOT/VO

Dr. Curl Civin – John Hopkins Cancer Center

8/14/02, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Brigitte Langmade

### **FINANCIAL RECORDS**

The nation's biggest business honchos are being asked to personally vouch for their companys' finances. In light of recent accounting scandals, the government set today as the deadline for hundreds of CEO's to certify with the SEC that their financial statements are true. Brigitte Langmade has the latest from Washington, D.C.

1:45 – Package

John Endean – American Business Conference

Martin Regalia – U.S. Chamber of Commerce